

## Admissions: Overview & Process

Boston Arts Academy seeks a student body that is passionate about the arts, works and learns together as a community, and reflects the diversity of the city of Boston. The admissions process is designed to give all students the opportunity to demonstrate their ability, potential and commitment. All interested students, at all levels of prior experience—from beginner to expert—are encouraged to register.

Boston Arts Academy welcomes applicants from all backgrounds and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex/gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, national and/or ethnic origin, age, disability, pregnancy, homelessness, ancestry, or genetics in any of its programs or educational opportunities, activities, facilities, or admission practices, and does not tolerate any form of retaliation, or bias-based intimidation, threat, or harassment that demeans individuals' dignity or interferes with their ability to learn.

### Residency Requirement

You must be a Boston resident to attend Boston Arts Academy. Non-Boston residents are more than welcome to apply to BAA for a one-time \$60 fee, however **we will only accept students who can provide proof of residency to Boston Public Schools (BPS) by June 30th, 2021.** Click [here](#) to view residency requirements for the BPS.

*Neighborhoods that are considered part of the City of Boston:*

Allston, Back Bay, Bay Village, Beacon Hill, Brighton, Charlestown, Chinatown-Leather District, Dorchester, Downtown, East Boston, Fenway-Kenmore, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Mid-Dorchester, Mission Hill, North End, Roslindale, Roxbury, South Boston, South End, West End and West Roxbury.

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## Admissions Overview

Boston Arts Academy is recruiting for the school year 2021-2022!

We have a **two-stage process** for registering for Boston Arts Academy (BAA)\*:

1. [Audition Application](#)
2. **Virtual Arts Audition (Virtual Video/Portfolio Submission)**

**\*Boston Arts Academy accepts students for the 9th, 10th and 11th grades, however we do not admit any 12th graders. 10th and 11th graders are placed on a standby list until a seat becomes available.**

## Audition Application/s

**Deadline: Friday January 15, 2021**

We encourage students to apply to BAA by submitting their Audition Application [here](#). All applicants should save the information for their online application log-in and password and should provide the email address they use most often. Students are welcome to **audition for up to 2 arts departments** and if so must submit **1 application per arts audition**.

## Virtual Audition/s

**Deadline: Friday January 15, 2021**

A panel composed of staff from BAA, the ProArts Colleges, local community arts organizations conduct virtual auditions. We expect every student to be ready for the audition and to review audition requirements prior to sending in their audition/s.

Students auditioning for the performing arts will be asked to submit a video audition and students applying for visual arts will be asked to submit a portfolio. We have several events lined up to help prospective students prepare for their audition (please see **Preparing for your Audition/s section** for more information on events below).

All Virtual Auditions will have an open window to be submitted between mid-Nov and mid-Jan through our application database. The deadline to submit the videos and portfolios online is the same as the application deadline **Friday, January 15, 2021**.

**Please click on arts area below to see detailed virtual audition requirements:**

[Dance](#), [Music](#), & [Theatre](#): will submit their virtual audition as a **video**.

[Visual Arts and Design \(includes Fashion Technology\)](#): will submit their virtual audition as a **portfolio**.

**\*More information to come on how to submit your videos and portfolios via our database. If this method is not possible for you, please contact Ms. Rodríguez at [admissions@bostonartsacademy.org](mailto:admissions@bostonartsacademy.org).\***

### Callbacks

Thursday, February 4, 2021

Thursday, February 11, 2021

After a student's virtual audition is viewed, they *may* be invited to attend a live **Callback** on Zoom. Receiving a callback does not mean the student was accepted or not accepted, it simply means the panel wants to see them one more time before coming to a final decision.

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# Preparing for your Audition/s

## Admissions Presentations

Families and school groups are welcome to attend an Admission Presentations (which will be held on Zoom) to learn more about the BAA Admissions Process ! We have both morning and evening sessions available each month until the application deadline in January. All presentations will begin promptly at the hour. Please see our scheduled dates below:

### Mornings | 10am

Friday, November 13, 2020

Friday, December 11, 2020

Friday, January 8, 2021

### Evenings | 5pm

Thursday, November 12, 2020

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Thursday, January 7, 2021

**In order to receive the Admissions Presentation Zoom link and to best prepare for the session, please fill out [this form](#) to let us know you will be attending.** Please contact the Admissions Manager Christina Rodríguez with any questions at [admissions@bostonartsacademy.org](mailto:admissions@bostonartsacademy.org).

## Audition Workshop\*

Saturday, November 21, 2020 | 9:30am – 11:00am

The **Audition Workshop** is created to prepare students for their art auditions. It's a great opportunity for families/caregivers to ask questions directly to the judges who will make the decisions for auditions. This workshop is for any of our majors: Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts & Design.

Applicants will be sent a reminder with more information for this event, no registration required.

\*We highly recommend all applicants attend this event!

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# Admissions Decisions

## Decision Letters

Decision letters will go out on **Wednesday, March 17, 2021**. Every student that completed the admissions process will receive a letter indicating whether they were **Accepted**, **Waitlisted**, **Not Accepted** or placed on a **Standby List**.

### Accepted Students

After a student is **Accepted** to BAA, they should review the [Admitted Students](#) page for more details on next steps, admitted student requirements, and important new student dates.

\*If an incoming 10th or 11th grader is **Accepted** they are placed on a **Standby List** until the end of June, 2021. If a seat becomes available in their grade/major we will contact the student directly to inform them.

### Waitlisted Students (9th Graders)

**Waitlisted** students will remain on the **waitlist** until the end of December. If the student doesn't get in by the end of December they need to go through the admissions process again for the following school year in order to be considered for BAA.

### Standby List Students (10th & 11th Graders)

Students who are not **Accepted** or **Waitlisted** from their Virtual Audition will be placed on a **Standby List** and will remain on the list until June 30, 2021. If the student doesn't get in by the end of June they need to go through the admissions process again for the following school year in order to be considered for BAA.

### Not Accepted Students

Students who are **Not Accepted** will receive a list of recommended local community organizations where they can continue pursue their art form/s. Students are more than welcome to re-audition each admissions year up until they are incoming 11th graders.

### Audition Appeals

Students may appeal an audition decision by emailing the Arts Dean, Tyrone Sutton at [admissions@bostonartsacademy.org](mailto:admissions@bostonartsacademy.org).

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## Questions? Contact:

### Admissions Manager

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