ATTENTION
Parents of 5th Grade Students
APPLICATION FOR ROLLINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Application Instructions:

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Paper applications must be submitted by 4:00 PM on Friday, December 7th.
- **We prefer that you register online.**
- Online applications must be submitted by 11:59 PM on Friday, December 7th.

- Paper applications may be mailed or delivered to:

  Dorchester School District Two  
  Gifted & Fine Arts Center  
  805 South Main Street  
  Summerville, SC 29483

- You must indicate a street address not a P.O. Box.
- Your application cannot be processed without a parent signature.
- You do not have to audition in two arts areas. If you want to audition in two areas, you must indicate first and second choice.
- Information on audition procedures will be mailed after December 11th. No information will be given prior to December 11th. All information will be in writing and mailed to the address provided on the application. No information will be given by phone.
- If you should have a question, do not call Rollings Middle School of the Arts. All auditions and admissions for Rollings are handled at the District level by the Gifted and Fine Arts Center, 805 South Main Street. (Phone number: 843-832-5532)
- We audition only current 5th graders who reside in the Dorchester School District Two attendance zone.

Rollings Middle School of the Arts - Frequently Asked Questions
Q. **Who may apply?**
A. Any current fifth grade student who resides in the Dorchester School District Two attendance area.

Q. **How many will be accepted?**
A. Approximately 274 students will be accepted for sixth grade.

Q. **Is Rollings an academic magnet school?**
A. No, Rollings is a school for the fine and performing arts. The acceptance process is based on audition. Grades and recommendations are not considered.

Q. **Are there GATE classes at Rollings?**
A. Yes, GATE classes are taught in language arts, math, science, and social studies as gifted content classes.

Q. **What are the arts areas?**
A. A student is accepted as a major in one of the following areas: Band, Dance, Piano, String Orchestra, Theatre Arts, Visual Art, or Vocal Music.

Q. **Does the District provide transportation to Rollings?**
A. Yes, bus transportation is available for all students.

Q. **Does Rollings have services for special needs students?**
A. Yes, Rollings meets the learning needs for all its students.

Q. **Is Rollings on the same schedule as the other middle schools?**
A. No, Rollings is not on the same schedule as other middle schools. Our schedule is 8:55AM-3:55PM.

Q. **What classes do Rollings' students take?**
A. Students take six blocks of instruction daily. The blocks include their arts core area, language arts, math, science, social studies, and band/physical education/computer technology/secondary arts area.

Q. **If I am accepted to Rollings and enroll next year, may I return to my home school if I decide I don’t like Rollings?**
A. No, once you enroll you are committed for the entire school year. You may elect to return to your home school at the end of the school year.

Q. **If I am accepted this year, do I have to audition again next year?**
A. No, you only audition one time.

Q. **Do students choose their second arts area?**
A. No, students are assigned their second arts area according to grade level and arts core area.

Q. **Are there many after-school activities at Rollings?**
A. Yes, there are often rehearsals, performances, exhibitions, and programs that students must attend after school and at night. There are also after school sports programs in which students may enroll.

Q. **Is there a different audition for Band, Piano and String Orchestra?**
A. No, there is only one audition for all three. You may select a 1st and 2nd choice among the three, but you will only do one audition.

Q. **Can I see my child’s scores if he/she was not accepted?**
A. We will discuss with you your child’s rank from the cut off score and also provide you with information on the fine arts opportunities at the other middle schools.

Q. **Can I see my child’s scores if he/she was accepted to Rollings?**
A. No, students accepted all enter Rollings as equals, no matter what score they received in their audition. The scores of accepted students are deleted when the acceptance letters are mailed.

Q. **Is there a waiting list to get into Rollings?**
A. No, there is not an overall waiting list. If a student does not accept or resigns a position before the school year begins, we will contact the student with the next highest score in that core.
Q. **What if there are tied scores?**
A. We take all students with tied scores.

Q. **May a student change cores after they have been accepted?**
A. No, a student stays in the same core during their entire attendance at Rollings.
January 12, 2019 – Band, Piano, & String Orchestra Auditions
(There is only one audition for Instr. Music)
January 19, 2019 – Theatre Arts and Visual Art Auditions
January 26, 2019 – Make-up Audition Day

You will be sent a letter after December 10th with information regarding your specific core area audition and what is required for the audition including your exact audition time on the above dates.

(Online Application: https://tinyurl.com/Rollingsapp2019)