



2024 Ninth Grade Academy at KCAA

To the Parents of Incoming 9th Grade Student:

For the 18th year, Denver Public Schools high schools will host Ninth Grade Academies, and KCAA is pleased to announce its participation for the 10th year. Because you chose the KCAA program **we are strongly recommending** that your incoming 9th grade student attend our Ninth Grade Academy. High school is a critical passage in a student's life. It shapes and prepares students for who they will become in the future. During these years the academic preparation gained in high school and the real-life skills acquired will lead to important career decisions and establish lifelong friendships, while having fun and participating in significant school events. **Ninth Grade Academy at KCAA is designed to welcome and prepare your student for our dynamic community of artists and academics!**

Whether you are new to the KCAA family, or returning to our program as a High School student, **all incoming 9th graders are strongly encouraged to attend**; furthermore, the academy will jump start the transition from middle school to a successful high school experience. **Students will receive guidance and support needed to thrive in high school.** DPS has collected many years of data on the Ninth Grade Academies; **students who participated improved their academic performance, had a stronger attachment to their high school and peer groups, and were more likely to graduate from high school!** We believe attendance will promote your student's successful transition to the unique program at the Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy. Your student will benefit from this experience in the following ways:

- Students will meet high school teachers and familiarize with the **rituals and routines** unique to KCAA classrooms
- Students who successfully complete the academy will earn high school credit**
- Students will be involved in lessons and **activities** to engage them in the culture of high school at KCAA
- Students will be eligible to **receive incentives and arts materials** by attending the Ninth Grade Academy
- Students who complete the Academy will receive a **KCAA backpack full of school supplies** for 9th grade
- Students will work on a **collaborative** art work
- Students will have a **voice** in designing the culture and rituals for the coming school year

Below is the schedule and dates for the Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy Ninth Grade Academy.

High School and Phone Number:	Times:	Dates:
Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy 720-424-0200	8:45 – 12:00 p.m.	Monday, August 5 th – Friday, August 9 th 2024

Please note the following important details:

- RTD is free for youth under 18 years of age
- Daily snacks - free of charge – please bring a water bottle
- In order to receive high school credit, students **MUST** attend 4 of the 5 days.

If you have questions, please contact me at: 720-424-0244 (after June 1th please call my cell 303-968-4361) or email: anthony_abel-pype@dpsk12.net or mr.abelpype@gmail.com

To confirm enrollment for your student, please complete the form at this URL: <https://tinyurl.com/kcaanga2024>

Or, use this QR code to register:



We look forward to seeing your child on Monday, August 5th at KCAA Ninth Grade Academy.

Sincerely,

Anthony Abel-Pype

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