

Studio Policy for The School for Young Artists

Drop Off and Pick Up (Transition Time)

Entering the studio at the beginning and end of each class is an important part of the process at The School for Young Artists. Children should arrive within the first twenty minutes of class at which time each student is greeted and interviewed about their plans for the class. This brief but focused interaction informs the structure for the rest of the session.

When the student's parent or other pick-up person arrives at the end of class, it is a cue to that child that class is over. Pick up time is when the child wraps up the work at hand, shows what happened during the class and gathers together items that are going home. This whole process should take no more than 20 minutes, being complete by 6:20 PM for weekday classes and 12:20 PM on Saturdays.

Our goal is that each child leaves with a sense of accomplishment and a feeling of having made a bridge to the next destination.

Transition time is an opportunity for the student to gain skills in going from one activity to the next. These skills will serve them over a lifetime. It may be useful to observe the framework that Kathy Anderson uses in helping the child enter and leave a class and use this in other areas of your life where you go through transition times with your child.

Clothing

Make sure that your child wears clothing for the studio that neither you nor your child care about getting stained or dirty. We use materials in the studio like wax, acrylic paint, and inks that will permanently stain fabric. Smocks are provided by the studio but they do not insure that your child will return home stain free. Having the proper clothing will help your child feel freer in the studio.

Please have your child come prepared to get messy. This includes tying back long hair to keep it out of the way of these materials. The School for Young Artists is not responsible for ruined clothing.

Food

Healthful snacks such as crackers, fruit, and filtered water are provided by the studio. Sometimes children bring snacks with them. These may be kept in the child's cubby. If a child brings in snacks to share with the group we prefer food without processed sugars as many of the parents would rather avoid them in their child's diet.

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Sickness/Cancellation

If a child has to miss a weekday class because of illness, the class can be made up later that week OR it can be made up in the following week, which would make two classes in the same week. This class is paid for whether or not it is made up.

Weather

The School for Young Artists is located in a mild weather zone and therefore, is often open during many weather conditions when other schools close. It is the decision of each family as to the safety of driving to class. If you must cancel due to driving conditions, then we must receive a call from you in order to credit you with an extra class. If we do not receive a call from you will then you will lose the class or be responsible for paying for it.

In the case of a cancellation by The School for Young Artists, you will receive a call from us and will be credited with a replacement class.

Parent Conferences

A parent conference is offered sometime after a student's initial eight weeks. This first session is free. It facilitates communication between the teacher and parents. It creates a foundation for discussing your child's involvement at our school. Subsequent conferences will be scheduled at the request of the parents or by Kathy Anderson. The fee for one of these subsequent sessions is \$65.