“Duke” Ellington Conservatory of Music and Art
@Beckham

Elementary/Middle School
2015 – 2016 Enrollment Application Kit

“A School of Academic and Arts Excellence!”

Rita S. Davis, Principal
9860 Park Drive
Detroit, MI 48213
Student Application – 2015-2016

Edward “Duke” Ellington Conservatory of Music and Art

**Students MUST have an overall 2.5 GPA** Students applying must submit January 2015 report card or a transcript.

Duke Ellington Accepts Elementary and Middle School students in grades pre-K—8.

Student’s Given Name

(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address

(Number & Street) (City) (Zip Code)

Student’s ID Number

Date of Birth (Circle One) Male Female

Phone Numbers:

Home Parent’s Work Number Parent’s Mobile Number

School Presently Attending: Grade Level Entering

Counselor’s Name: Counselor’s Telephone Number:

Parent/Guardian’s Name: Contact Number:

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My child may be eligible for (please check all that apply):

Reduced Lunch☐ Free Lunch☐ Paid Lunch☐ Special Education Services ☐ Counseling☐

Speech Correction ☐ Prescription Medication ☐ ELL/ESL ☐ Vision ☐ Hearing ☐ ☐Other Services __________________

For Middle School, grades 6—8: Circle ONE area in which you plan to audition/interview. **Auditions Interviews are restricted to one area only.**

Dance Instrumental Music

Visual Arts Vocal Music

If accepted as a student of Duke Ellington, we agree to cooperate willingly with the regulations of the Duke Ellington program. We further understand that enrollment will likely require a commitment of time outside of regular school hours, including weekends and holidays. We accept full responsibility for participation in these extra events. Students must adhere to the student code of conduct at all times.

Student’s Signature: Date:

Parent/Guardian’s Signature: Date:

Please return this application with the student’s January 2014 report card and two letters of recommendation. An incomplete application will not be processed.

Mail or hand deliver complete application packet to: Duke Ellington@Beckham, 9860 Park Drive, Detroit, MI 48213.

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Audition Requirements

**Art:**  Students should present:
1.  3 drawings – No Cartoons

**Band/Orchestra:** Students should be able to play:
1.  One (1) prepared piece
2.  Scales that they have learned
3.  Sight-read

**Choir:**  Students should be able to sing:
1.  One prepared song
2.  Melodic patterns demonstrated by the teacher
3.  “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” & “ABC” song
4.  Accompanist may be available to accompany students

**DANCE:**  Students should be able to:
1.  Follow the teacher’s basic dance movement
2.  Prepare a one minute dance

**Required Activities**

Students must be able to participate in the following engagements according to their respective performing arts choice. (**See class syllabus for Performing Arts class for detailed information**).

**ART**—*art exhibits, contests.

**BAND/ORCHESTRA**—*concerts, M.S.B.O.A. festivals, other performances.

**CHOIR**—*concerts, M.S.V.M.A. festivals, other performances

**DANCE**—*concerts, contest, other performances
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APPLICATION PROCESSING GUILDELINES

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Students seeking admission to Duke Ellington@Beckham must meet the following criteria:
---minimum criteria of a 2.5 (GPA) grade point average in core academic subjects
---have a good attendance record
---have interest and/or some skill in one of the performing arts:  art, band/orchestra, choir or dance
---no serious Student Code of Conduct Violations (B or V)

ALL students must submit the following:
---complete application (attached)
---official copy of current report card indicating at least a 2.5 G.P.A.
---two letters of recommendation from current or recent teachers
---copy of immunization record
---copy of birth certificate

Once applications are submitted:
---they are reviewed for completeness according to the above criteria
---incomplete applications are returned with instructions for completion
---students are tested in “Accelerated” Math and Reading to determine their skill level
---middle school students (6-8 grades) are scheduled for auditions by the performing arts staff

After testing and auditions, students selected for admission will:
---be assigned to a homeroom on a first come first served basis Kdg.-Elementary;  Middle School (based upon performing arts skill level, beginner, intermediate or advanced).
---report to class on the first or same day after completion of application process.
---borderline students, once accepted by administration, will be placed on probation until after the 1st card marking.  If significant improvement is not shown, student will be directed to another school.

Students not selected for admission will:
---be given a Letter of Regret with an explanation; you may apply for next school year.
Sibling(s) Information

Do you have any siblings currently enrolled at our school?  

YES or NO

If yes, please list name(s) of sibling(s) and grade(s):

Name _____________________________________________  Grade _________

Name _____________________________________________  Grade _________

Do you have any siblings applying for admission at our school?  

YES or NO

If yes, please list name(s) of sibling(s) and grade(s):

Name _____________________________________________  Grade _________

Name _____________________________________________  Grade _________

Please select one of the performing arts classes below that you are interested in and plan to audition for.

Art Audition ________

Have you ever taken an art class?  

YES or NO

Dance Audition ________

Have you participated in any formal dance classes?  

YES or NO

Instrumental Music Audition ________

Band  Orchestra  Jazz

Have you ever participated in any orchestra/band classes?  

YES or NO

Vocal Music Audition ________

Circle the appropriate vocal range:  Soprano  Alto  Tenor  Bass

Have you ever had any choral experience?  

YES or NO
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STUDENT RESIDENCY FORM

Student Name: _________________________________________     Sex: Male/Female

Birth Date: _______/_______/_______     Grade ________

This questionnaire is intended to address the McKinney-Vento Act 42 U.S.C. 11435. The answers to this residency information help determine the services the student may be eligible to receive (school uniforms, supplies and transportation assistance).

1. Is your current address a temporary living arrangement?  _____YES  ______NO
2. Is this temporary living arrangement due to loss of housing or economic hardship?  
   _____ YES  _____NO

If you answered YES to any of the above questions, please complete the remainder of this form. If you answered NO, please stop here.

Where is the student presently living? (Only Check One)

   ______ Children living with family and/or friends due to temporary hardship (doubled up)
   ______ In a shelter
   ______ Moving from place to place
   ______ In a motel
   ______ In a place not designed for ordinary sleeping accommodations such as a car, park, or campsite

Name of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s): ______________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________ Zip__________ Phone: __________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ________________________________ Date ____________
RELEASE OF RECORDS
Out of District Request for Student Records
(Only Complete if student DID NOT attend a DPS School)

Student Name: ______________________________________  (Circle one) Male/Female
Birth Date: __________________________  Current Grade: ______________
Address: __________________________________________ City: ______________ Zip Code: __________
Mother’s Name: __________________________ Phone #: __________________________
Father’s Name: __________________________ Phone#: __________________________
Previous School: __________________________________ School Phone #: __________
Address: __________________________________________ City: ______________ State: __________

REQUESTING SCHOOL

Duke Ellington @Beckham
9860 Park Drive  Detroit, MI  48213
(313)852-8500  Fax(313)852-8511

I hereby authorize you to release all school records concerning the named person in accordance with the Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. All information received is to be confidential and not transferred to a third party without my written consent.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
Date Record Requested: __________
Date Record Received: __________
UNIFORM DRESS CODE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Grades: Pre-K - 5

TOPS – Blouses/Shirts (Plain OR DPS Logos only!)
- **Color:** White
- **Style:** straight collars or button down, turtlenecks, polo, long/short sleeves
- **Tops must be tucked inside pants/slacks or skirts at all times**

Grades: 6-8

TOPS – Blouses/Shirts **(Sky Blue)**

BOTTOMS – Slacks/Pants
- **Color:** Solid Navy or Black
- **Style:** Pleated or Flat Front
- **Material:** Cotton, Canvas, Corduroy, Linen, Polyester, Wool or Fabric Blends
- **Belts:** Black – Must be worn at all times

SKIRTS/JUMPERS (Plain or DPS Logos only!)
- **Color:** Solid Navy or Black
- **Style:** Flat front, or pleated, knee length
- **Material:** Cotton, Canvas, Corduroy, Linen, Polyester, Wool, or Fabric Blends

SWEATERS (Plain or DPS Logos only!)
- **Color:** Solid Navy, Black or White
- **Style:** Turtleneck or Polo
- **Sweaters with hoods are not permitted**

FOOTWEAR (No Gym shoes or Boots, no designs or logos)
- **Color:** Black
- **Style:** Closed heel and toes, laced or Velcro
- **Socks/leggings:** Solid White, Navy or Black

Parent Initials: _____________  Student Initials: ___________
I am aware that the Duke Ellington@Beckham has selective admission requirements in which this application does not guarantee acceptance into our program. I am also aware that acceptance requires continuous encouragement and support on the part of parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure successful academic performance. Therefore, we pledge our support of the following:

My child will . . .

. . . maintain the district policy of 90% attendance
. . . maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 and not less than “2” in citizenship.
. . . arrive @7:25 a.m. and depart @2:40 p.m., Monday – Friday.
. . . have a study time of 1 to 1 ½ hours on a daily basis.
. . . adhere and comply with best practices as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and school rules.
. . . maintain and demonstrate appropriate behavior both at home and school at all times.
. . . respect self and all people, school property and the surrounding community.
. . . conform to uniform dress code and student creed

I will . . .

. . . provide additional support at home to increase my child(ren) academic achievement.
. . . volunteer my services at least two hours per month.
. . . support any fundraising efforts.
. . . support the music and art departments by attending student performances.
. . . adhere to the school’s one way traffic flow pattern during school hours by driving west on Promenade towards Conner.

I understand that . . .

. . . my child will be placed on probation if he/she does not meet our program’s academic or Citizenship requirements as outline above.
. . . if my child(ren) has not yet met the program’s academic requirements, will be requested by administration to attend their neighborhood school.
. . . violating the Student Code of Conduct is an immediate cause for dismissal after all Intervention strategies have been exhausted.
. . . it is mandatory for my child(ren) to attend performances outside of the normal school hours, since it is a major part of the Performing Arts Department’s grade curriculum.

Parent Signature: ________________________________ Date: __________________
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Teacher Recommendation Form

****Please duplicate the recommendation portion of this application. Three recommendations required****

Student’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Primary Art Interest: ________________________________________________________

Instructions to the Student Applicant:
Please put your name on this form, indicate your primary art area, and give it to an art or academic teacher at your school. You may also have an instructor of an arts organization who is familiar with your work complete this form. After the person has completed the form, he or she should place it in a sealed envelop for you to include with your completed application.

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Strength of Recommendation – I recommend this student for admission to Duke Ellington.

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*Please hand deliver or mail completed application with recommendation forms, transcripts and a copy of the most recent report card during the recruitment period to:

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to qualify:
- 2.5 GPA or Better
- 1 or 2 in Citizenship
- 90% Attendance

We have provided you with this checklist to ensure that you have included the following items with your application for speedy expedition of service:

Make sure that you have attached:

- Copy of Official (Current) Report Card
- Two Teacher Recommendations
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Signed Application and Acknowledgements

Completed applications may be hand delivered to our office!

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9860 Park Drive
Detroit, MI  48213

You will be notified if your child has met the arts and academic requirements by telephone or mail.