

Digital Media Academy

at Argyle Secondary School



The DMA goes beyond the technical skills and knowledge fundamentals for working with digital media. At its core, DMA is a program that nurtures and evolves young people to develop the habits of mind to be inquisitive, creative, imaginative, innovative, and highly motivated in the creation of meaningful results. Students have the opportunity to learn and work collaboratively on real-world projects.

North Vancouver School District's Digital Media Academy (DMA) located at École Argyle Secondary School, is an enriched hands-on program that provides students with access to a broad and useful range of skills and knowledge in digital design, technology, project management, and problem solving. The DMA incorporates Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM). Students will learn to create meaningful stories and solve challenging design problems. One of the main goals of the DMA is to prepare students for post-secondary training as well as the many career opportunities in Digital Media, Science, Engineering and Technology.

The DMA is for Grade 11 and 12 students, and runs on Day 1 for three classes in the morning.

The DMA suits students who are highly motivated and self-directed with a strong interest in Science, Engineering, Design, and/or Digital Media. The students work in cohorts and take their courses together which creates a dynamic and collaborative learning environment.

Students gain experience through project-based learning in DMA, field-trips to a variety of local companies, film & animation studios as well as post-secondary & specialty schools. As well, DMA offers visits with industry professionals through masterclasses, presentations, and workshops.

Students have the opportunity to learn and work in the following areas:

- Animation
- Film
- Game Design
- Graphic Design
- Photography
- Project Management
- Sound Design / Engineering
- IT / Programming
- Visual Effects / VFX
- Web Design

* Transportation to and from the Academy site is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Application Procedures

North Vancouver School District applicants apply online at <https://sd44.schoolcashonline.com/>. Out of District applicants may contact academies@sd44.ca to receive the application link.

Applications will be accepted from **January 20, 2020 to February 24, 2020**.

New applicants to DMA must provide supporting documents and a digital portfolio of their work on a USB drive to **Argyle Secondary** as part of the application process.

For information regarding these requirements, please see <https://dmacademy.ca/application/>.

Returning students need only complete the online application.

Selection for the Digital Media Academy

Each application will be reviewed by a panel of Digital Media Art Teachers. Offers, consistent with Board Policy 605, will be based on:

- Supporting documents, digital portfolio, and completed application
- Prioritized waitlist

Fees for the Digital Media Academy

The total cost for the Digital Media Academy is \$1,250 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Deposit: The non-refundable deposit is required on or before May 6, 2020 to confirm your child's registration and secure placement in the Academy for the 2020-2021 school year. Please note that non-payment by the deadline will result in withdrawal from the Academy.

Remaining Fee: Parents/Guardians may pay the balance in full or set-up installments any time between May and August 2020 through School Cash Online. Please note that failure to pay the balance in full or set-up installments by the deadline will result in withdrawal from the Academy.

An additional Programming Fee of approximately \$935 may apply to Out of District students.

More information about Academies, including fees and withdrawal procedures, is available at the NVSD Academy Website at www.sd44.ca > Programs & Services > Academies

Questions?

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