

# Digital Media Academy & DMA Lite Academy

## 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), & DMA Lite (DMAL) 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, Art and Technology.

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

- Animation
- STEAM
- Film
- Sound Design
- Web Design
- Photography
- Game Design
- Technology / IT
- Graphic Design
- Visual Effects / VFX

DMA (grades 11 and 12) runs on Day 1 for three classes in the morning. DMA Lite (grades 9 and 10) is scheduled during the final block of the day, allowing cross-enrolled students to travel to Argyle Secondary during lunch break. Transportation to and from the Academy site is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian.

The DMA & DMA Lite 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, field-trips and contact with industry professionals.

## Application Procedures

New applicants to DMA & DMA Lite must provide supporting documents and a digital portfolio of their work on a USB drive as part of the application process. For information regarding these requirements please see <http://dmacademy.ca/application>

Drop off the required documents to:  
Argyle Secondary School Main Office  
Attn: Digital Media Academy  
1131 Frederick Road, North Vancouver BC V7K 1J3

Parents/Guardians of North Vancouver School District students who are returning need only to complete the DMA or DMAL 2019-2020 application form at <https://sd44.schoolcashonline.com/>

Applications are accepted from January 21 to March 1, 2019.

## Selection for the DMA & DMA Lite

Acceptance to the DMA or DMA Lite Academy is based on the completed application package and supporting documents. DMA Lite is a grade 10 course which offers enrollment to Grade 9 students, however, priority will be given to Grade 10 students. The total spots available is dependent upon the number of applications received and the ability of schools to organize suitable timetables to meet student needs.

## Fees for the Digital Media Academy

The total cost for the Digital Media Academy is \$1,250 for the 2019-2020 school year. Total cost for the DMA Lite Academy is \$500 for the 2019-2020 school year.

The first payment confirms placement in the academy, is due on or before June 1, 2019, and is non-refundable. If a family chooses to pay in installments, this must be set up for automatic withdrawal by June 1, 2019 with the first payment due September 1, 2019 and then on the first of each month through May 1, 2020. Information for payment will be included in the acceptance email. An additional course fee of approximately \$2,775 may apply to out-of-district students. This amount reflects the programming fee for the three DMA periods. Non-payment or late payment of fees may incur a penalty and/or result in loss of placement in the Academy.

For more information about the DMA and DMA Lite Academy schedules, non-refundable Commitment Fee, fee payments and withdrawal information please view the NVSD Academy Website at [sd44.ca](http://sd44.ca) > Programs & Services > Academies

## Questions?

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