

**acGATEWAY 2010**  
**Aiken County's Gifted and Talented Education with Artistic Youth**  
**Elementary Student Audition Information**

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**Checklist**

Before submitting your application, please go through this checklist. Return the first two items to Mr. Laorenza by mail (address below).

- \_\_\_\_\_ Application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tell Us About Yourself (**with photograph**) to be filled out by student (handwritten-legibly)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Recommendation Forms (completed by arts, academic, and/or private teacher) and returned to school coordinator.

**Attendance Policy**

All participants are required to attend the entire Program. Unexcused absences or tardiness will not be permitted. Absences will only be excused for illness or death in the immediate family. Students who do not meet the attendance requirements will be dropped from the Program.

**Calendar of Important Dates**

February 1, 2010	Applications to schools
February 26, 2010	Applications mailed back to <b>Mr. Laorenza (Address below)</b>
March 12, 2010	Audition times sent to school coordinators
March 27, 2010	Audition at <b>Aiken High School</b>
April 30, 2010	Audition results sent to applicants through courier
May 14, 2010	Student response mailed to <b>Mr. Laorenza</b>
June 8, 2010	acGATEWAY Program begins at <b>Kennedy Middle School</b>
June 8, 2010	Parent's Meeting (8:15 AM)
June 12, 2010	Saturday Field Trip (high school students only)
June 16, 2010	Open House (8:15AM-12:30PM)
June 28, 2010	Elementary School Showcase (7:00PM)
June 29, 2010	Elementary Program ENDS: 1/2 day (8:15AM-12:00PM)
June 29, 2010	Middle/High School Showcase (7:00PM)
June 30, 2010	Middle/High School Program Ends: 1/2 day (8:00AM-12:00PM)

**Mail applications by February 26, 2010 to:**

**Joseph Laorenza**

**3934 Wood Valley Drive**

**Aiken, SC 29803**

**Your audition time will be sent to your school coordinator.**

**PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

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## **Dance**

**Workshop:** Students will participate in three workshops on the day of the auditions: ballet, tap, and jazz. They will be evaluated on their basic dancing ability and their talents in each of these dance areas.

- 1) **Improvisation:** Students will do an improvisational dance.
- 2) **Prepared Dance:** Students must have a dance routine prepared in advance for the audition. The dance should be no longer than two minutes. Costumes are not encouraged.
- 3) **Interview:** tell the judges about yourself.

## **Music**

Students will be evaluated on tone, technique, musicianship, originality, interview, and overall performance.

- 1) **One etude to display musical ability.**
- 2) **Create a short, original melody no more than 8 measures to be performed at the audition.** This does not have to be written out.
- 3) **Match pitch and sing musical intervals.**
- 4) **Interview:** tell the judges about yourself.

## **Theatre**

- 1) **One piece from memory:** less than two minutes in length (can be a poem or monologue from a play).
- 2) **Improvisation:** The judges will give subject matter. This is like the game of Charades and can be done with or without speaking.
- 3) **Interview:** tell the judges about yourself.

## **Visual Art (Grades 3-5)**

**Portfolios will be presented at the audition.** Your portfolio should contain the items listed for your grade level. Submit only the required pieces, nothing more. Please consult your art teacher if you have any questions concerning your portfolio. **All work must be completed by the applicant alone and must be original.** Copies of artwork will not be accepted. ***BE CREATIVE!***

- 1) A picture of an animal in black and white using a variety of lines, textures, and patterns.
- 2) A still life drawing. A PHOTO OF THE STILL LIFE MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE PORTFOLIO PIECE. Use special relationships, color, placement, and overlapping to show deep space. Foreground, Middleground, and Background should be evident.
- 3) One other piece of your choice.

**Note: You are encouraged to demonstrate the use of various media (drawing, painting, pencil, color, etc.) when selecting pieces for your portfolio. All three pieces should be presented in a professional manner. These pieces should be mounted (construction paper or poster board may be used).**

### **UNACCEPTABLE Artwork includes:**

- 1) Comic book images – copied or created.
- 2) Reproductions of published sources such as logos. (Photographs or pictures from magazines should include a documented source.)
- 3) Work created on notebook paper or artwork torn from spiral sketchbooks.

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**Elementary Division (Grades 3-5)**  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 26, 2010**

Fill in the following information (please print):

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School You Attend<sup>†</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check All Arts Areas In Which You Are Applying.\***

Music

Theatre

Visual Art

Dance

**Audition Date: March 27, 2010**

**\*\*Elementary students are not eligible for Creative Writing**

<u>For Statistical Purposes Only<sup>†</sup></u>	
<b>Gender:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
<b>Race:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Other

<sup>†</sup> Applicants must be enrolled in a school in the Aiken County School District.

\* Applying in more than one art area is discouraged. If you wish to apply in more than one art area, you must submit separate applications for each art area (limit 2).

<sup>‡</sup> This information is required by the Office of Civil Rights. Aiken County School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, national origin, or sex.

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Please Attach a Recent  
Photo of Yourself

**Tape or glue securely  
in this box.**

**Tell Us About Yourself**

**The student should complete this page in his/her own words. Applicant responses will only be compared to students of comparable age and grade.**

**Please provide thoughtful and complete answers to the questions below. Print or type in the space provided or attach additional pages if needed.**

1. What experiences do you have in the arts? Include your experiences and teachers.

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2. List any awards or honors (arts-related as well as others) you have received.

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3. Why do you want to attend acGATEWAY?

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