



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
KCAPA HIGH SCHOOL
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Welcome 9th Graders and Families,

Class of 2026, we are so excited to have you joining the Kensington Creative and Performing Arts High School family. We know that you have many options to choose from when picking which high school to attend, so we are thrilled that you chose us! My name is Chloe Leech and I am your 9th Grade Academy Assistant Principal. Let me set the stage for learning for you!

ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL:

School begins on **August 29, promptly at 7:30 am until 2:34 pm**. Students are expected to arrive at school on time, doors open at 7:00 am, with breakfast served daily. Students should arrive at school each day with their student ID and be prepared for learning. In the event you lose your ID through the year, there is a \$5 fee for the replacement.

UNIFORM:

Students are required to wear the school's uniform each day. Uniforms can be purchased during Freshman orientation, from Cramers Uniform, or from Flynn O'Hara. Below, you will find the approved uniform list for the year:

- Black pants that fit at the waist and are free of holes and writing/designs
- A shirt with a Kensington CAPA logo which can be purchased at Flynn O'Hara or Cramers
- Closed toed shoes are required, **NO crocs, slides, or slippers.**
- School sweaters or sweatshirts with the KCAPA logo (optional), **NO hoodies or other outerwear** can be worn in school.

CELL PHONES:

In order to make sure that academics through the arts is the focal point of your time here with us, we have shifted to a **completely cell phone free school**. We understand the importance of safety while commuting to and from school, which is why we have partnered with YONDR, a company that safely locks your students cell phones in a non accessible bag during the school hours. This means that when your student enters the school building their phone will be safely secured in a bag that remains with them throughout the day, inaccessible to them, until the end of the day, when it will be unlocked by a staff member for their commute home. In the case of an emergency, parents/guardians will be able to reach their child by calling the main office at 215-400-7400.

COVID-19:

Recognizing that we are still in the midst of a global pandemic and the safety of your child is our number one priority, we are still taking the necessary precautions to keep everyone healthy and COVID free. We will be operating on a **mask optional basis** for students and staff **except: for the first 10 days of the new school year – August 29 through September 9**. We will offer on site testing for students who have a signed waiver form, which can be filled out during Freshman Orientation.

SUPPLIES:

Please come on the first day ready to learn, with your school supplies, chromebook from your middle school, if you do not have one we will provide you with one, and a growth mindset. Within the first week of school, teachers will tell you what you specifically need for their classrooms. In addition to your core subject classes, you will spend the first semester rotating between Dance, Digital Media Production, Fine Art, and Musical Theater before deciding your pathway for your high school career.

We hope to see all of you at our Freshman Orientation on **Friday, August 26 from 10:00 am -12:30 pm** at the school, where we will go over all of this in more detail. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Our school phone number is 215-400-7400 and my email address is cleech@philasd.org.

If you have not already done so, please follow our social media accounts to stay up to date with our announcements and events.

Instagram: @kensingtoncapa and @principalmcdemottfair

We can't wait to meet you in person. Your future's so bright, we see your name in lights.

Your 9th Grade Academy Assistant Principal,

Miss Leech