GRADE ENTERING _____ in coming year
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MIDDLE SCHOOL
Application Form for Academic Year 2026 - 2027

Return to: Application: 2026-2027, Manatee School For the Arts, 700 Haben Blvd., Palmetto, FL 34221 or FAX: 941.721.6805 ATTN:Melissa Izzo. First acceptance notification by February 28, 2026

1. Student's Name _____ 2. Date of Birth _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial *Month / Date / Year*

3. Home Address _____
Street Apt. # City State Zip Code

4. Mailing Address _____
Street Apt. # City State Zip Code

5. Parent/Guardian _____ Home Phone Number _____
(Father) Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Relationship (Father, Step-father, Legal Guardian) _____ Work Ph. #_____ Cell Ph. # _____

6. Parent/Guardian _____ Home Phone Number _____
(Mother) Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Relationship (Mother, Step-mother, Legal Guardian) _____ Work Ph. #_____ Cell Ph. # _____

7. Male____ Female____

8. How did you hear about MSA? ____Mailing ____Friend ____Newspaper ____ Other_____

9. Which elementary school does/did your student attend? _____

10. Which public middle school did your student attend or was assigned to? _____

11. In which arts areas is your student interested? (Check all that apply)
___Theatre ___Dance ___Visual Arts ___Digital Art & Technology ___Music
___Puppetry ___Stagecraft ___Tae Kwon Do ___Video Game Design ___None

12. In which academic areas is your student interested? (Check all that apply)
___Robotics ___Law ___Health ___Life Sciences ___Social Studies
___Language Arts ___Math ___TSA ___None

13. Does your child have a sibling who attends MSA? ___Yes ___No If YES, name of student_____

14. Is your child in advanced classes? __Yes __No

15. Is your child interested in the AICE Cambridge program?__Yes __No

16. Has this student ever been suspended? ___Yes ___No ***(If so, please have student explain on a separate sheet of paper and attach)***

17. Has this student ever been expelled? ___Yes ___No ***(If so, please have student explain on a separate sheet of paper and attach)***

18. Is there anything else you would like to share about your student?_____

If the number of applications exceeds the number of students to be accepted during any enrollment period, Manatee School For the Arts, in accordance with the Florida Law governing Charter Schools, will use a lottery system to determine which students will be accepted. You will be notified if your child is accepted. If your child is accepted, you will need to complete enrollment forms within approximately two weeks or your acceptance may be subject to cancellation.

I have read the information on the front and back of this application and it is my desire and intention to enroll this student in Manatee School For the Arts. I attest that the information I have provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information can result in loss of eligibility. I authorize MSA to request records for my student.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ Date_____ Parent Email Only: _____

MIDDLE SCHOOL
APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Required Materials
(All Students)

- ☐ Completed Application
- ☐ IEP / 504 (if applicable)
- ☐ FSA Scores
- ☐ ESOL
- ☐ Grade Reports

Applying For:

- ☐ 6th - Recent Final Report Card (or most recent)
- ☐ 7th-8th - Final Report Cards from all Middle School Years (most recent report cards for current school year)
- ☐ Current Transfer Grades (if mid grading period)
- ☐ Any Grade: Home School Records (if applicable)

If the student applying attended a school outside of Manatee County or a private/ independent school during 2026-2027, the following additional materials are required:

- ☐ Birth Certificate
- ☐ Immunization Records
- ☐ Record of Physical Exam within the past 12 months
- ☐ Discipline Records (Florida Statute 1006.07(1)(b)

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Reviewed by MSA Guidance_____

Manatee School For the Arts

Charter School: Manatee School For the Arts (MSA) is a public charter school. A charter school is a public school run by a not for profit corporation under contract (charter) with a sponsor, usually the local school board. MSA is operated by Renaissance Arts and Education, Inc., a not for profit Florida Corporation recognized by the IRS as a tax exempt, 501 (c)(3) corporation, under contract with the Manatee County School Board. Under Florida Law, charter schools are fully recognized as public schools. All students in Manatee County are eligible to apply to attend this school.

Grades offered, student body, class size, and schedule: MSA middle school offers grades six (6), seven (7) and eight (8). For 2026-2027 MSA expects to enroll approximately 1,200 students. Classes are projected to be between twenty (20) and twenty-two (22) students per class. MSA uses a modified block schedule with four (4) eighty-five (90) minute periods of instruction per day. There are at least one hundred and eighty (180) days of instruction. MSA follows the calendar used by other public schools in Manatee County.

Mission Statement: The mission of Manatee School For the Arts middle school is to provide an educational environment that will allow the most students to succeed and grow academically by acknowledging and accommodating different learning styles and multiple intelligences. We believe that is best achieved by a curriculum that infuses and integrates the visual and performing arts into the core academic curriculum and offers a broad range of visual and performing arts as electives.

A variety of courses in each of these elective disciplines are currently offered. Additional areas are under consideration but are subject to staffing and budget limitations.

Teacher Qualifications: Teachers employed by MSA shall be certified. MSA will not employ an individual to provide instructional services or to serve as a teacher's aide if the individual's certification or licensure as an educator is suspended or revoked by any state.

Administrators, staff, and any other employee will be selected on the basis of educational background and/or experience that demonstrates appropriate preparation for the position as determined by the Board of Directors. All employees and independent contractors will be fingerprinted.

Transportation: Provided for most Manatee County students.

Exceptional Student Education (ESE): Exceptional students will be provided with programs implemented in accordance with federal and state policies and procedures; and specifically, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Behavior Contract: All students and parents will be required to sign a behavior contract agreeing to follow the MSA Code of Conduct, outlining the rules and regulations of the school. Failure to uphold the contract may result in the student being required to return to his/her assigned school.

Uniforms. MSA is a uniform school. The MSA uniform shop is the provider for the required uniform shirt. Uniform bottoms can be purchased from several local vendors. All students are expected to strictly adhere to the MSA school dress code.

This information is provided to assist parents and students who are considering enrolling in Manatee School For the Arts. This was accurate at the time of printing. Specific information may change from time to time. If you have other questions please call 941.721.6800 and ask for Melissa Izzo. If you would like a tour of the school, please call to schedule a time.

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