

# **HST MINIMAL REQUIREMENTS for PROGRAM(S) REGISTRATION ACCEPTANCE**

A foundational tenet of the ideology of HST Cultural Arts, Inc. is providing a safe, positive, and productive experience for each young person so that all students involved can enjoy success.

In order to facilitate fulfilling this tenet, the HST Board has voted to make clear in writing the minimal standards required for registration and acceptance into any of the various programs that give exposure to and experience in the fine arts.

1. Developmental readiness – This means the student needs to be able to follow directions and memorize and articulate lines, stage positions and choreography in an independent manner. The student must be willing to follow through with instructions for the time span between rehearsals.
2. Emotional and social readiness – This means the student needs to be able to work cooperatively in a group setting and demonstrate compliance with directors/student leaders. The student must not dominate the director's time and energy with behavioral management. Interrupting the directors, and thus the flow of instruction, is unacceptable and costly to all involved.
3. Physical readiness – The students must be independent in meeting their physical and hygiene needs.

Note: The Board understands that accidents happen, such as a broken leg. In these instances, when the student needs temporary help with needs such as help going to the bathroom, such allowances are certainly acceptable. However, the young person must take initiative to ask another student for help ahead of time. This responsibility must not fall on the directors.

4. Each student must meet the above requirements. Additionally, HST recognizes that a student who is not ready for admission one year may be more than ready the next year. Re-evaluation the subsequent year is available.
5. HST recognizes that there are students who have reading issues, such as with dyslexia, which are considerations in the auditioning process, particularly with "cold" readings. It is recommended that parent(s) contact the director at least one week prior to these situations in order to work out a reasonable accommodation.
6. Though HST is not qualified to diagnose learning or behavioral concerns, if such learning or behavioral patterns become a concern during the course of the participating year, HST would require testing before re-registration in order to know if possible accommodations could be made for the student's future participation in the program.
7. Student and parent signatures on a written policy are required before admission.
8. Above all, HST believes in the value of every young person, regardless of their readiness/lack of readiness for HST.