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ART HIGH SCHOOL
PROSPECTUS 2026-27

Kerala Kalamandalam

Prospectus for Admission to Class VIII for the Academic Year 2026–27

Introduction

This prospectus is issued for admission to the 8th standard at Kerala Kalamandalam for the academic year 2026–27. It contains the necessary information regarding eligibility for admission, available courses, number of seats, selection procedures, fee structure and hostel facilities.

Details regarding the mode of application, required documents, examination/audition and important dates are also provided herein. Applicants are advised to read and follow all instructions related to the admission process carefully.

1. Subjects of Study

Along with art forms like Kathakali, Koodiyattam, Mohiniyattam and Ottanthullal, various courses are currently conducted. The Art High School (VIII - X) is a three-year program.

No.	Subject	Seats
1	Kathakali Vesham (Northern Style)	6
2	Kathakali Vesham (Southern Style)	6
3	Kathakali Music	4
4	Kathakali Chenda	8
5	Kathakali Maddalam	4
6	Chutti	4
7	Koodiyattam (Male Character)	4
8	Koodiyattam (Female Character)	4
9	Mizhavu	4
10	Thimila	4
11	Thullal	4
12	Mridangam	4
13	Carnatic Music (Vocal)	8
14	Mohiniyattam	12

2. Residential System

Kerala Kalamandalam is a residential university. During the monsoon season (June–August), practice sessions begin at 4:30 a.m. and continue till 6:30 a.m. In the following months, practice classes are held from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Classes begin at 9:00 a.m. Along with art subjects, general subjects will also be taught.

3. Discipline

Strict discipline must be maintained in the kalari (training space) and classrooms. As per the Hon'ble High Court's order, political and politically affiliated activities of students are prohibited on the Kerala Kalamandalam campus. Kerala Kalamandalam reserves the right to take a decision to expel from the institution any student who violates its regulations, engages in acts of indiscipline, uses intoxicating substances or remains absent from classes for more than five days without valid reasons.

4. Admission Procedure

Students who have passed Class VII and are not above 14 years of age as on 1 June 2026 are eligible for admission.

Students seeking admission must submit their applications online in the prescribed format available on the Kalamandalam website (www.kalamandalam.ac.in). A printout of the application, duly certified by the Headmaster/Headmistress of the last school attended, must be produced at the time of appearing for the written examination. No additional documents or copies need to be enclosed with the application. The art subjects preferred must be clearly indicated in order of priority in the application. Admission will be considered accordingly. Subjects not mentioned in the application will not be considered for admission.

All applicants must appear for a written examination at their own expense. The questions will assess the general knowledge of Class VII students, along with knowledge about arts and Kalamandalam. The duration of exam is two hours. The medium of examination is Malayalam. The examination will consist of 50 objective-type questions, 10 one-word answer questions, and 6 descriptive questions, each requiring answers of not less than 50 words. All answers must be written in Malayalam on the question paper. The maximum mark is 100, and only those candidates who secure a minimum of 50 marks will be eligible to appear for the interview/practical test. Statutory relaxation will be applicable to SC/ST candidates. Based on the marks obtained in the entrance exam, candidates up to six times the number of available seats in each subject will be called for interview.

The criteria for the interview/practical test shall include artistic aptitude, interest in the chosen art form, prior experience, recognition for performance in youth festivals and physical fitness suitable for training. Admission will not be granted solely on the basis of marks obtained in the entrance examination. In addition to the prescribed minimum marks, due consideration will be given for their interest in the chosen art form, artistic aptitude, prior experience etc. Securing the prescribed minimum marks in the entrance examination alone shall not entitle a candidate to admission; admission shall be granted only after due

consideration of the candidate's aptitude, knowledge, and prior experience in the chosen art form.

Candidates with disabilities are eligible for reservation as per government rules in suitable subjects.

Students included in the admission list after the interview must complete admission within the stipulated time by submitting Transfer Certificate and other documents from the previous school. Vacant seats arising due to non-joining will be filled from the rank list in order. Students should not obtain Transfer Certificate from their previous institution before confirming admission. Selected candidates must submit a Physical Fitness Certificate.

5. Fees

a. Admission Fee	₹300/-
b. Audio-Visual Fee	₹100/-
c. Caution Deposit	₹300/-
d. Examination Fee	₹500/-
e. General Fund	₹500/-
f. ID Card	₹100/-
g. Insurance	₹500/-
h. Library Fee	₹100/-
i. Magazine Fee	₹100/-
j. PTA Fund	₹500/-
k. Sports Affiliation Fee	₹300/-
l. Stationery Fee	₹100/-
m. Students' Association	₹300/-
n. Students' Welfare Fund	₹500/-
o. Tuition Fee	₹500/-
p. Mess Advance	₹3000/-
q. Hostel Deposit	₹2000/-
r. Laundry Charges (Advance)	₹500/-

Total – ₹10200/-

(SC/ST students need to pay ₹5200/- excluding Mess Advance and Hostel Deposit.)

6. Stipend

a. Eligible students will receive a monthly stipend of ₹1500/-. Any excess mess expense must be paid monthly. Stipend is granted based on income. Students not receiving stipend must pay full mess fees monthly.

b. Students who do not show satisfactory academic progress will not receive stipend in subsequent years and must pay mess fees.

- c. Application for stipend with income certificate must be submitted in the first week of each academic year.
- d. For continuation of stipend, 80% attendance and a certificate from the Head of Department based on academic progress are required.
- e. Students who damage property or bring disrepute to Kalamandalam will have their stipend discontinued.
- f. Students who discontinue studies must repay the stipend received.
- g. Eligible students from non-general categories will receive all government benefits.

7. Hostel Admission

Kerala Kalamandalam is a residential university. Since kalari practice begins early morning, students for whom practice is compulsory must stay on campus. For subjects where practice is not compulsory, relaxation may be granted by Kerala kalamandalam. Hostel admission requires application in the prescribed format.

As training sessions are held even on holidays, students are permitted to go home only once a month. Leaving campus without permission is punishable and may lead to dismissal. Damage to hostel/classroom/campus property will be recovered from students individually or collectively. Food brought from outside is not permitted on the campus, and the use of plastic is strictly prohibited. Parents or visitors are not allowed inside the hostels; however, suitable arrangements will be made to facilitate meetings between parents and students. Students who violate the rules are liable to be dismissed without prior notice. Strict regulations and monitoring shall be enforced with regard to students leaving the campus and returning. No student shall be permitted to leave the campus without a valid reason.

8. Reservation

Reservation policy will be followed as per existing rules. Students from reserved categories will receive government educational benefits as per eligibility. However, SC/ST students must pay ₹5200/- at the time of admission (excluding mess advance and hostel deposit).

9. How to Apply

The application fee must be remitted by scanning the QR code provided in the application form, and the application shall be submitted online only after attaching a screenshot of the payment confirmation. The application fee is ₹300/-. Applicants belonging to SC/ST categories need to remit only ₹100/-. Applications submitted without remitting the application fee by scanning the QR code will not be considered. No original certificates or copies are to be enclosed along with the application; however, all original certificates along with duly attested copies must be produced at the time of the interview.

10. Admission Schedule (Class VIII)

1. Application available from website – 02/05/2026

2. Last date for submission – 11/05/2026
3. Aptitude Test – 15/05/2026
4. Publication of results – 19/05/2026
5. Interview dates – 22 & 23/05/2026
6. Rank list publication – 28/05/2026
7. Admission date – 01/06/2026
8. Classes begin – 01/06/2026
9. Last date of admission – 31/07/2026

Changes in the scheduled dates under unforeseen circumstances, if any, only will be notified. For further details regarding admission, candidates may contact 04884-262418.

11. Admission Complaints

Kerala Kalamandalam has not authorized any individual or institution for admission procedures. Complaints regarding admission will be examined and decided by the Vice Chancellor.

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