

# Arts and Communications MAGNET PROGRAM

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## What is an Arts and Communications magnet program?

The Arts and Communications magnet program offers Newport News students the opportunity for intensive study in the Arts as part of a full and well-balanced academic program. Students participate in many show case events in which they apply what they learn. Through these events, students gain experience in the teamwork that brings creative events to life. Students may specialize in:

- Communications: Television Broadcasting and Video editing, including: television production, video editing, journalism, technology, and public relations
- Creative Writing: poetry, prose, essays, script writing, historical fiction, and critical reviews
- Dance: ballet, modern, jazz, world dance, choreography, and dance history
- Drama: acting, directing producing, stagecraft, scenery, lighting, sound, and costumes
- Music: 5 different ensembles with multiple levels in each, performing, theory, musicianship, composing and arranging
- Visual Arts: Painting, printmaking, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, mixed media, film and digital photography, computer art, video and web design



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## What is distinctive about the magnet program?

- Arts and communications instruction, experiences and resources at a depth, level and rigor not found in other Newport News high schools
- Opportunities to pursue an intensive study of the arts to enhance the student's overall academic program
- Chance to work and study with arts and communications professionals
- Interdisciplinary study linking the arts with other subjects
- One-on-one writing conferences, peer evaluations, group readings, visiting authors and the Writing Center

Magnet students have the opportunity to concentrate their studies within a well-balanced academic program. In addition to their courses in the arts, students receive a comprehensive education in English, social studies, math, science, foreign languages, health and physical education.



## What careers can I prepare for at the magnet program?

The magnet program will prepare students for a wide array of careers in the arts and communications including performers, teachers, writers, camera operators, directors, composer/arrangers, announcers and sound technicians.

Students may begin these careers after college or further training, or directly from high school. For students planning careers in fields other than arts and communications, the magnet program offers a chance to increase their knowledge and ability in these areas.

## What does the program require?

To complete the program successfully, students must:

- Sign a contract as a formal recognition of the importance of their role in the Arts and Communications magnet program
- Fulfill the requirements in a particular area of study
- Take one, in some cases two, magnet classes per year
- Participate in showcase events (presentations, productions and performances)
- Maintain a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher
- Have no discipline referrals
- Earn a grade of "C" or higher in all magnet program classes
- Have no more than four unexcused absences per year

## Who is eligible?

Students interested in an in-depth rigorous program for the Arts and for Communications are encouraged to apply. While there are no entrance requirements, students must maintain a certain GPA, have no significant discipline and have good attendance to stay in the program. All rising ninth-grade students are welcome to apply. Current Woodside magnet students and their siblings have priority admission to Woodside's magnet program. In addition, Huntington Middle School magnet students also have priority but will need to complete an application.

## How do I apply for the program?

All students who wish to attend magnet programs must submit a Magnet School Application by the January deadline. Applications are available at any Newport News school, the Administration Building and on the Newport News Public Schools website at [www.nnschools.org/magnet](http://www.nnschools.org/magnet).

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