Center for the
ARTS & COMMUNICATIONS
AT WOODSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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What is the 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 showcase events where 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, choreography and dance history;
- Theatre: acting, directing, producing, stagecraft, scenery, lighting, sound and costumes, script writing;
- Music: band, choir, guitar, orchestra, piano (multiple levels), performing, theory, musicianship, composing and arranging, music technology; or
- Visual Arts: painting, printmaking, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, mixed media, film and digital photography, computer art, media arts compostition.

What is distinctive about the magnet program?

Magnet students have the opportunity to concentrate their studies within a well-balanced academic program. Students completing 5 credit classes within their single chosen discipline will be awarded the magnet seal for extensive study.

Arts and Communications Magnet students enjoy:

- Specialized instruction, experiences and resources at a depth, level and rigor not found in other Newport News public high schools;
- Opportunities to pursue an intensive study of the arts to enhance the student's overall academic program;
- Chances to work with and learn from guest artists who are working professionals in the arts and communications field;
- Interdisciplinary study linking the connectivity across art forms, with a career emphasis; and
- Writing conferences, performance showcases and other submission-based evaluation forums of student work conducted annually.

What careers can the program prepare me for?

The Communications and Arts 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, choreographers, technicians, and company managers.

Students are encouraged to pursue these careers further in the college or vocational training setting post 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:

- Acknowledge enrollment as a formal recognition of the importance of their role in the Arts and Communications magnet program;
- Fulfill five courses 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;
- Meet performance requirements;
- Earn a grade of "C" or higher in all magnet program classes; and
- Have no more than four unexcused absences per year.

Who is eligible?

Rising ninth grade students interested in an in-depth rigorous program for the Arts and for Communications are encouraged to apply. While there are no entrance requirements, to stay in the program, students must maintain a certain GPA, have no significant discipline issues and have good attendance. Students will be selected by lottery. Siblings of current year Arts and Communications ninth through eleventh grade magnet students will receive priority admission for the following school year.

How do I apply for the magnet program?

AAll students who wish to attend magnet programs must submit a Magnet School Application by the December deadline. Magnet applications must be submitted electronically. Links to magnet applications are available on the Newport News Public Schools website at www.nnschools.org/magnet. For additional assistance, please contact the NNPS Magnet Office at 757-283-7850 ext. #10314.

Transportation is provided to all magnet program students who reside in Newport News.

How can I find additional information?

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