



## FAQs about the Teen Arts + Tech Program

### **How can I be a student?**

1. Be in grades 9-12 and currently attend [Grand Rapids Public Schools](#)
2. Attend an Open Enrollment event with a completed, parent/guardian-signed application. **Both are required for priority enrollment consideration.** Studio placements are made on a first-come, first-served basis, so contact us at [teenprogram@wmcats.org](mailto:teenprogram@wmcats.org) to receive an application in advance.
3. WMCAT staff will notify all students to confirm their placement before the first day of class.

### **When is Open Enrollment?**

Doors open at 2:30PM with sessions starting promptly at 3:30PM. Parents/guardians welcomed.

#### **Fall 2019**

- August 27 + September 4, 3:30-5PM

#### **Spring 2020**

- January 8 + 15, 3:30-5P

### **When do classes meet?**

- Twice a week, Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs from 3:15-5:15PM
- Fall 2019 Semester: September 16-December 18, 2019
- Spring 2020 Semester: January 26-May 14, 2020

### **Where do classes meet and how do I get there?**

Our address is 614 First Street NW Suite 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49504. GRPS provides daily [yellow bus transportation](#) to WMCAT from area schools and a city bus pass to get home from WMCAT. Check with your school's main office for bus pick-up location or contact us for details.

### **What studios are available?**

#### **Fall 2019 Offerings**

*Mon/Wed (all 1-semester studios) Tues/Thurs (2 semester)*

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|---------------------------|--|
| • 3D Video Game Art       | • Intermediate Photography*                      |
| • Ceramics                | • Intermediate Video Production*                 |
| • Fashion Design          | • Video Game Design*                             |
| • Illustration            | • Graphic Arts (1 semester only)*                |
| • Music Tech + Production | * Priority enrollment for teens with prior WMCAT |
| • Photography             | experience or juniors and seniors                |
| • Video Production        |  |

Visit <https://artstech.wmcats.org/teen-programs/after-school/> for descriptions of our studios.

### **How much does it cost?**

Programs are tuition-free for all students who currently attend [Grand Rapids Public Schools](#).

### **Who can I contact for more information or specific questions?**

- Email: [teenprograms@wmcats.org](mailto:teenprograms@wmcats.org)
- Phone: 616-454-7004, WMCAT Teen Program Staff, Carolina or Mike



TEEN ARTS + TECH AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM  
2019-20 ENROLLMENT FORM

**\*\*RETURN THIS FORM TO WMCAT DURING AN OPEN ENROLLMENT SESSION ON AUG. 27 OR SEP T. 4, 3:30-5P**

**STUDENT INFORMATION** (Please print clearly in pen or type)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Gender Pronoun (He/She/They) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (month/date/year) \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (for program confirmation and updates) \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  cell or  home?

Home Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size:  Adult S  Adult M  Adult L  Adult XL  Adult 2XL  Adult 3XL

Do you plan to participate in WMCAT's free dinner program?  Yes  No Will you need a bus pass to get home?  Yes  No

Please list any accommodations needed for your learning environment, as well as food allergies and health issues we should be aware of:

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  cell or  home?

Email Address (for program announcements and updates) \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION** (other than parent/guardian listed above)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  cell or  home?

**FOR COLLECTIVE REPORTING PURPOSES ONLY** (data will not be used to identify individuals)

Student Race or Ethnicity:  African American  Asian  Hispanic  Native American  Mixed Race  White

Language Spoken at Home \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People in Household \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Household Income Level:  under \$15,000  \$15,001-25,000  \$25,001-50,000  50,001-75,000  \$75,000+

Do you qualify for free and/or reduced lunch?  Yes  No Are you a Challenge Scholar?  Yes  No

How did you hear about WMCAT?  Friend  School Event  School Staff  Family  Online  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only

Date/Time Rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_



The undersigned legal guardian and student participant agree to this permission-waiver as follows:

**EVALUATION**

- I understand that for WMCAT to improve, staff and/or professional external evaluators may make observations during activity times, conduct interviews, and administer questionnaires in which my child is asked about their experiences at WMCAT. Professional evaluators and WMCAT staff will have access to my son/daughter’s in-school behavior, attendance, grades and progress towards graduation throughout their high school and college career.

**FIELD TRIPS**

- I give permission for my child to participate in WMCAT’s after school programs. I understand that this signed form is a general permission slip which extends to all WMCAT-related student activities and field trips unless otherwise noted by me below. I give permission for my child to be bused or driven by WMCAT staff.

**MEDIA**

- I understand that photographs and videos may be taken during WMCAT programming. I understand media and artwork produced by my child may be used for educational, funding, promotional or other purposes and may be sold on behalf of WMCAT. I give WMCAT my permission to use, in part or whole, the name, picture, performance, photograph and/or taped voice for my child. WMCAT is released from any monetary compensation and any and all claims resulting from such use. I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished photography or video or audio recording.

**MEDICAL CARE**

- In the event of a medical emergency, I authorize WMCAT staff to secure medical attention or hospitalization for my child. I understand that WMCAT does not provide medical insurance for my child, and I am solely responsible for providing such insurance and for payment of any medical treatment expenses for my child that are not covered by insurance.

**SOCIAL SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS**

- I understand that WMCAT works in partnerships with other social service agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), The Source, and Arbor Circle to provide supportive services and programming for WMCAT students and their families. Services provided by Arbor Circle may include community resource referrals, psycho-educational groups, and counseling services. If you have an open DHHS case, you have the option of transferring it to a DHHS caseworker located at WMCAT.

**SUPERVISION AT WMCAT**

- I understand that my child will be working in programs, such as Fashion, Ceramics, and Photography, where contact with mechanical equipment and/or chemicals may be involved.
- I understand that WMCAT is not responsible for any items that are damaged, lost, or stolen.
- I understand that WMCAT will supervise my child during program hours at its facility and on field trips. I am responsible for coordinating transportation for my child to get to WMCAT and to get home from WMCAT. I will set boundaries and consequences if my child leaves WMCAT during program hours without my permission.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



This consent is to disclose student’s personally identifiable information within Grand Rapids Public Schools education records to support your student, track graduation progress and college readiness, and evaluate the WMCAT program.

The purpose of disclosing identifiable student education record information is to learn how well the WMCAT program is working, to make improvements and to assist students participating in the program. This will be done by monitoring school behavior, attendance, grades, and progress towards graduation throughout their high school career. With this information, WMCAT staff will follow up with students to talk about their in-school progress and work with students in graduation and college enrollment. Such information shall not be published in a manner that will lead to the personal identification of the student. This information is used solely for evaluation and program management purposes and to improve the student’s learning and school performance and shall not be further re-disclosed to third parties not named on this consent form without my/our prior written approval.

I agree and consent to the release of personally identifiable information from the education records of my child/ward named below,

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Student Name*

(hereinafter named “Student”) subject to the terms of this Consent Agreement.

I understand that the educational records to be disclosed include:

- Attendance & Enrollment Information
- Classroom Performance
- Test Scores (M-STEP, SAT, etc.)
- Grade Reports
- Behavioral or Disciplinary Information
- Credits Earned

My consent is completely voluntary. If I agree, I may change my mind at any time. My decision to give or deny consent to my student’s educational records will not impact their enrollment in the WMCAT program.

By signing this consent agreement, I agree that I have read and understood the above and consent to all the above statements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Directions: Select up to 2 studio choices below using 1 for 1<sup>st</sup> choice (and 2 for 2<sup>nd</sup> choice if applicable).

### MONDAY/WEDNESDAY STUDIOS (1 semester studios)

#### \_\_\_\_\_ 3D GAME ART

Learn how to create digital art for games and other media. You'll use drawing skills to create concept art and then 3D modeling and digital sculpting software to animate characters and environment models—just like professional game designers and artists!

#### \_\_\_\_\_ CERAMICS

Come play with clay! For beginners and those with some experience to practice essential skills in hand-building, wheel throwing, and glazing to create unique creations from clay.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ FASHION DESIGN

Wear your own one-of-a-kind designs! Develop basic skills in fashion sketching, patternmaking, and machine-sewing to create a variety of projects. You'll also explore different fabrics and learn techniques for dyeing fibers.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ ILLUSTRATION

Take your drawings to the next level! Using ink, pens, paint and other media, you'll strengthen your ability to communicate ideas, thoughts and processes through illustration.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ MUSIC TECH + PRODUCTION

Ever wonder how your favorite beats are made? Or do you want to learn how to make your own music sound better? Learn industry tricks of the trade to create and edit sounds, as well as how to layer, mix, and sample to make original recordings.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ PHOTOGRAPHY

Understand the key functions of our professional DSLR cameras and tips on design and composition to create great images. Learn about lighting, editing in Photoshop, and even making images the "old school" way in our full-scale darkroom.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ VIDEO PRODUCTION

Direct and produce your own movies! Learn the principles of storyboarding, lighting, camera work, and editing to produce your own original, digital stories.

### TUESDAY/THURSDAY STUDIOS (2 semester studios)

#### \_\_\_\_\_ INTERMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHY

Advance your technical camera skills and broaden your abilities in Adobe Photoshop, while exploring more self-directed interests. Possibilities abound for pursuing projects both individually and as a team with alternative, traditional, and experimental processes. **(Must have taken at least one semester of Photography)**

#### \_\_\_\_\_ INTERMEDIATE VIDEO PRODUCTION

For those who already know the basics of video production and want to take their skills to a higher level. You'll plan, produce, and edit larger projects, while creating opportunities to connect with industry professionals. **(Must have taken at least one semester of Video Production)**

#### \_\_\_\_\_ VIDEO GAME DESIGN

Learn how video games are designed. Explore multiple aspects of game design including game art, 3D modeling, design, programming, and project management in this studio. **(Must have taken at least one semester of 3D Game Art or Video Game Design)**

#### \_\_\_\_\_ GRAPHIC ARTS (1-semester)

Learn about screen printing, Photoshop, Illustrator, Wacom Tablets, and more to create unique, eye-catching projects (t-shirts, skateboard decks, and more) for yourself and others. **(Must have taken at least one semester of any WMCAT studio)**