





Let's get creative! The West Michigan Center for Arts + Technology's Teen Arts + Tech Program is a nationally recognized, tuition-free afterschool experience. You'll engage with visual arts and digital media to build creative confidence, elevate voice, connect with community, and explore post-secondary opportunities.







WHAT STUDIOS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SPRING 2023?

Studios are twice a week on either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. January 23-May 11. See attached form for descriptions of the studios.

MONDAY/WEDNESDAY

-  Beat Making
-  Coding
-  Digital Illustration
-  Fashion Design
-  Jewelry Making
-  Video Production

TUESDAY/THURSDAY

-  Ceramics
-  Fashion Design
-  Music Production
-  Photography
-  T-Shirt + Skateboard Design
-  Video Game Design

TO ENROLL

You must be in grades 9-12 and currently attend Grand Rapids Public Schools. Please follow the 3-step process below.

1

Fill out the enrollment form (attached!) + have it signed by a parent/guardian.

2

Submit your enrollment form at the open enrollment event on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

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3

Receive enrollment confirmation from WMCAT the week of January 16, 2023 via email and come to the first day of class on January 23 or 24.

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WHEN IS THE OPEN ENROLLMENT EVENT?

- Wednesday, January 11, 3:30-5 p.m. at West Michigan Center for Arts + Technology (WMCAT) 614 First St NW Suite 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.
- Studio placements are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. with the event starting promptly at 3:30 p.m. Parents/guardians are welcome.
- If you are unable to attend the enrollment event, please contact Teen Arts + Tech Program staff immediately (see contact information below) to find an alternate time to visit WMCAT.

WHEN DO CLASSES MEET?

- Twice a week on Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs from 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- Monday, January 23 - Thursday, May 11, 2022.
- The end-of-semester exhibition will be held on May 11 at 5:30 p.m. Family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend.

WHERE DO CLASSES MEET AND HOW DO I GET THERE?

- WMCAT is located at 614 First Street NW Suite 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.
- GRPS provides daily yellow bus transportation through Dean Transportation, to WMCAT from GRPS high 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 WMCAT for details at teenprograms@wmcats.org.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The Teen Arts + Tech Program is tuition-free for participants.

SAFETY + COVID-19

Masking is optional at WMCAT. Please continue to practice caution: if you are not feeling well or have been in close contact with someone that's COVID positive, stay home.

WHAT IF I ATTENDED WMCAT LAST SEMESTER?

If you attended WMCAT last semester and want to attend the Spring 2023 semester, look out for the online enrollment form in your email. There is no need to attend the enrollment event or fill out the attached form.

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION OR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS?

Email teenprograms@wmcats.org or call 616.454.7004 to speak to Carolina or Mike, Teen Arts + Tech Program staff.



TEEN ARTS + TECH AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM SPRING 2023 ENROLLMENT FORM

Please return this form to WMCAT during the open enrollment event on January 11

STUDENT INFORMATION (Please print clearly in pen or type)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Preferred Name (if different) _____ Personal Pronouns (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

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 announcement and updates) _____

SECONDARY 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:

Asian or Pacific Islander Black Hispanic or Latinx Multiracial Native American or Indigenous White

Student Sex: Male Female Intersex

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

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



PERMISSION FORM + WAIVERS

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.

FIELD TRIPS

- I give permission for my child to participate in WMCAT's Teen Arts + Tech after school program. 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 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.

SUPERVISION AT WMCAT

- I understand that my child will be working in studios, 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



STUDIO SELECTION

Student Name: _____

Choose up to two studio selections in the boxes below and on the next page with 1=1st choice and 2=2nd choice. If your 1st choice is full, you will be placed in your 2nd choice, so make sure your 2nd choice is one you're excited about.

MONDAY/WEDNESDAY STUDIO CHOICES



BEAT MAKING

Explore the world of synthesizers and beat making as you learn how digital music is created. Learn how to create EDM, Hip Hop and Pop instrumentals.



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.



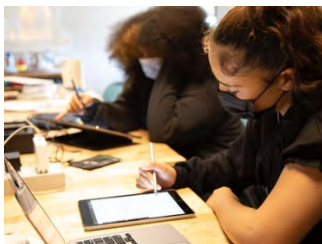
CODING

Curious about creating in the coding world? Explore activities in areas of Scratch, Python, JavaScript, HTML, and CSS. Semester project includes using a processor to create a device that can scan album covers and play tracks on Spotify.



JEWELRY MAKING

Learn the basics of handcrafted metal jewelry! Students will become familiar with layout, filing, texturing, basic roller embossing, soldering, forming, finishing, and polishing. Samples and finished projects will vary and may include rings, bracelets, pendants, chains, and more.



DIGITAL ILLUSTRATION

Come learn the tools and techniques of basic digital illustration and the fundamentals of computer graphics. You'll strengthen your ability to communicate ideas, thoughts and processes through the creation of characters, anime, graphic novels and more.



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.

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TUESDAY/THURSDAY STUDIO CHOICES



CERAMICS

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



MUSIC PRODUCTION

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.



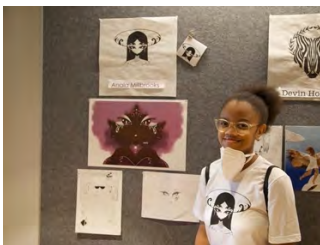
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PHOTOGRAPHY

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.



T-SHIRT + SKATEBOARD DESIGN

From your favorite tee to posters and skateboard decks, graphic prints are everywhere. Learn pro tools like Adobe Photoshop and learn to screen print your own designs to produce unique, eye-catching projects for yourself and others.



VIDEO GAME DESIGN

Love to play video games? Learn how to design your own! Explore multiple aspects of game design including game art, 3D modeling, programming, and project management in this studio.