



# TEEN ARTS + TECH PROGRAM

tuition-free | after school | spring 2024

CREATE ART MAKE FRIENDS CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY ELEVATE YOUR VOICE

**At WMCAT, you're an artist.** Whether you're glazing ceramics, capturing a photo, mixing a beat, designing a mural, shooting a video, or sewing a runway-ready look, the **after school Teen Arts + Tech Program** provides the space, industry-quality supplies and equipment, mentorship from local professional artists, and community connections needed for you to explore your creativity while building new skills *and* relationships.

And it's all **tuition-free**. If you're in grades 9–12 in Grand Rapids Public Schools (GRPS), then we have a spot just for you! Enroll to join us after school for the spring 2024 semester. Spots fill up quickly, so sign up today!

We can't wait to see what we'll create together.



fashion  
design



ceramics



music  
production



photography



video  
production



illustration

## WHAT TO EXPECT | TEEN ARTS + TECH PROGRAM

WMCAT's Teen Arts + Tech Program makes space for you to elevate your voice, build creative confidence, and connect with the community through visual arts and digital media.

**Who** – Grand Rapids Public Schools students in grades 9–12.

**Where** – West Michigan Center for Arts + Technology, 614 First St NW #300 (Third Floor), Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

**When** – After school, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. weekly; day(s) of week depend(s) on studio selection. Studios begin the week of January 29 and end the week of May 13.

*New Student Enrollment Packet*

## transportation

GRPS provides daily yellow school bus transportation (through Dean Transportation) to WMCAT from GRPS high schools and WMCAT provides a city bus (The Rapid) pass to get home from WMCAT. Details about daily yellow school bus transportation will be communicated with students once enrolled, prior to the program start.

## schedule

Depending on the studio you participate in, studios meet either twice a week on Tuesday *and* Thursday, once a week on Monday *or* Wednesday, or twice a week on Monday *and* Wednesday (please see the studio selection portion of the enrollment form for more information).

When you arrive at WMCAT after school, you'll be greeted by WMCAT Teen Arts + Tech Program staff and teaching artists. We will have a snack offering and an optional activity for you to engage in prior to studios. Announcements are shared at 3:30 p.m. and studios begin immediately after. When studios end at 5:30 p.m., we can provide a bus pass for you to take The Rapid home, or you can make your own arrangements to get home.

## studio experience

In your studio, you'll be with up to 11 other GRPS high school students and a teaching artist, allowing you to meet and collaborate with teens from across the city. In addition to gaining skills and completing projects in your studio's visual arts or digital media discipline, you will: go on field trips; explore real-world and career applications of your creative learnings; share your ideas and voice on issues that matter to you; practice giving and receiving feedback; display your work in an exhibition; and have opportunities to participate in other WMCAT Teen Arts + Tech Program activities such as specialty workshops.

## key dates

- December 14 • Enrollment opens
- January 10 • Priority enrollment deadline for returning students (students who attended fall 2023 semester)
- January 18 • Enrollment event (required for new students – who did not attend fall 2023 semester)
- ~~January 18~~ • ~~Enrollment forms due~~ **Deadline extended! Enroll through Friday, January 26**
- By January 25 • Students receive an email regarding studio placement
- Week of January 29 • Teen Arts + Tech Program begins (exact date dependent upon studio)
- February 19-20 • GRPS no school, no Teen Arts + Tech Program
- March 14 • No Teen Arts + Tech Program
- March 18 • GRPS no school, no Teen Arts + Tech Program
- April 1-4 • GRPS Spring Break, no Teen Arts + Tech Program
- May 9 • Last day of studios
- May 14 • Teen Arts + Tech Exhibition at 5:30 p.m., family and friends encouraged to attend
- May 16 • Post-exhibition celebration from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for all students

## TO ENROLL

The Teen Arts + Tech Program is tuition-free and open to all Grand Rapids Public high school students in grades 9-12.

*The deadline to enroll has been extended through Friday, January 26 – apply now!*

To ensure cross-district representation and opportunity, there are a limited number of student spots in the program per high school; students who enroll after the spots from their high school are filled will be put on a waitlist.

### returning students

*(Students who attended the fall 2023 semester)*

#### ONE STEP TO ENROLL

**1.** Complete a spring 2024 enrollment form with your studio selection. Submit by ~~January 10~~ to secure your spot before new students enroll **Friday, January 26**. You can either:

- Submit the online form at [artstech.wmcat.org/enrollment](http://artstech.wmcat.org/enrollment).
- or*
- Fill out a paper form and:
  - Drop off form at WMCAT during open hours (M–Th, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.).\*\*
  - Scan and email form to [teenprograms@wmcat.org](mailto:teenprograms@wmcat.org).
  - Bring form to the enrollment event or complete a form at the enrollment event\* (below).

*\*Returning students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) are not required to attend the enrollment event but are welcome to!*

*\*\*WMCAT is closed December 20–January 2.*

### new students

#### TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

**1.** Complete a spring 2024 enrollment form with your studio selection, signed by a parent/guardian, by ~~January 18~~ **Friday, January 26**. You can either:

- Submit the online form at [artstech.wmcat.org/enrollment](http://artstech.wmcat.org/enrollment).
- or*
- Fill out a paper form and:
  - Drop off form at WMCAT during open hours (M–Th, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.).\*
  - Scan and email form to [teenprograms@wmcat.org](mailto:teenprograms@wmcat.org).
  - Bring form to the enrollment event (below).
  - Bring a parent/guardian to the enrollment event (below) to complete and sign form.

**2.** Attend the enrollment event in the section below.

**New students:** the enrollment event has passed. Please contact Program Coordinator Carolina Lopez-Ruiz at 616-454-7004 or [teenprograms@wmcat.org](mailto:teenprograms@wmcat.org) to schedule a time for a tour the week of January 22-26.

*You will not be enrolled until both steps are completed.*

### enrollment event

*Required for new students. Returning students welcome.*

**New students:** the enrollment event has passed. Please contact Program Coordinator Carolina Lopez-Ruiz at 616-454-7004 or [teenprograms@wmcat.org](mailto:teenprograms@wmcat.org) to schedule a time for a tour the week of January 22-26.

Thursday, January 18, 2:30–5:00 p.m.

WMCAT, 614 First St NW #300 (Third Floor), Grand Rapids, MI 49504

See WMCAT's space, meet staff and teaching artists, and turn in enrollment forms. Open house style; tours every 20 minutes. Busing from schools to WMCAT provided; see the WMCAT poster at your school's main office for details.



# TEEN ARTS + TECH PROGRAM SPRING 2024 ENROLLMENT FORM

## New Student

### 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 (not 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 ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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+

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 for school year 2023-2024 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 student is asked about their experiences at WMCAT.

### FIELD TRIPS

- ☐ I give permission for my student to participate in WMCAT's afterschool Teen Arts + Tech 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 student 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 student 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 student. 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 student. I understand that WMCAT does not provide medical insurance for my student, and I am solely responsible for providing such insurance and for payment of any medical treatment expenses for my student 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

- ☐ I understand that my student 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 student during program hours at its facility and on field trips. I am responsible for coordinating transportation for my student to get to WMCAT and to get home from WMCAT. I will set boundaries and consequences if my student leaves WMCAT during program hours without my permission.

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Student printed name

Student signature

Date

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Parent/guardian printed name

Parent/guardian signature

Date

## STUDIO SELECTION

All studios are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that WMCAT reserves the right to rearrange studio placements or place studios on a waitlist as necessary. Students placed on a waitlist will be kept on the waitlist for the first three weeks of the semester and will be contacted for placement if a spot becomes available.

If enrolled students are absent for the first week of the semester without giving prior notice, they forfeit their spot to a student on the waitlist.

**Choose up to two studio selections in the boxes below and on the next two pages** with a 1<sup>st</sup> choice and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. If your 1<sup>st</sup> choice is full, you will be placed in your 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, so make sure your 2<sup>nd</sup> choice is a studio you're excited about and available to participate in.

Please read all studio offerings carefully:

- All Tuesday and Thursday studios meet twice a week and are open to all experience levels and grades 9-12.
- All Monday and Wednesday studios meet only once per week on Monday **or** Wednesday (**except for** Documentary Filmmaking and Fashion Design which meet Monday *and* Wednesday). All Monday and/or Wednesday studios have grade or experience requirements (**except for** WMCAT). If you are interested in a studio on Monday and/or Wednesday, please make sure you are eligible and understand the schedule.

### monday studio options

#### FIGURE DRAWING

Frequency: Weekly on Monday  
Eligibility: 10th-12th grade GRPS students  
Teaching Artist: George Eberhardt

Enhance your illustration and rendering skills in our figure drawing studio! With a focus on human anatomy and observational drawing, you'll learn the fundamentals of creating lighting and detail on paper. Practice traditional charcoal and graphic drawing techniques while sketching live models and photo references.

#### ARTISTRY IN MOTION (3D MODELING + ANIMATION)

Frequency: Weekly on Monday  
Eligibility: 10th-12th grade GRPS students  
Teaching Artist: Brandon Copeland

Dive into the world of 3D modeling where you'll create characters in immersive 3D space. You'll learn how to develop 3D art — using software like Blender and Polycam — to be used in video games, virtual reality (VR), and augmented reality (AR) applications. Bring ideas to life in a new dimension!

#### THE WORLD OF POTTERY

Frequency: Weekly on Mondays  
Eligibility: 10th-12th grade GRPS students  
Teaching Artist: Abby Cushway

Discover endless possibilities in the world of pottery! Build on your foundational skills and expand your ceramics toolkit by exploring new materials and techniques. From molds and full-size bust sculptures to larger-scale vessels and colored clay making, you'll broaden your artistic horizons. *An optional open studio will be available on Wednesdays for students in this studio.*



## tuesday + thursday studio options

### DIGITAL ILLUSTRATION

Frequency: Twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday  
 Eligibility: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade GRPS students  
 Teaching Artist: George Eberhardt

Bring drawing to life through digital illustration! With a focus on character illustration, you'll learn traditional techniques and apply your skills in the digital world, creating art using Photoshop and other digital software tools. Experience what's possible when you go from pen and paper to creative technology.

### MUSIC PRODUCTION

Frequency: Twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday  
 Eligibility: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade GRPS students  
 Teaching Artist: Brandon Copeland

Experience the excitement of the music industry! Discover music creation techniques from writing to producing, mixing, and mastering. You'll apply those techniques and learn recording basics about making, and sound design as we collaborate to create an album together. Bring inspiration from your favorite music and meet local artists.

### FASHION DESIGN

Frequency: Twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday  
 Eligibility: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade GRPS students  
 Teaching Artist: John Cox

Enter the world of fashion and create your wearable designs! Develop your fashion idea from concept to production, including illustrating your design, creating prototypes, and seeing your idea into reality. You'll connect with the Grand Rapids Art Museum for Avant Garde inspiration for your final designs which will be modeled at a fashion show in the spring.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Frequency: Twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday  
 Eligibility: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade GRPS students  
 Teaching Artist: Dennis Grantz

Release your inner photographer and discover ways to bring an artistic perspective to your images. Learn how to use professional-level cameras and discover design, composition, lighting, and other techniques to make your photos truly stand out. You'll use Photoshop for digital editing and also experience the magic of the traditional photo dark room. Explore interesting places and capture Grand Rapids through your lens.

### VIDEO PRODUCTION

Frequency: Twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday  
 Eligibility: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade GRPS students  
 Teaching Artist: Mike Saunders

Get your start in video production! Discover the art of video through comedy, acting, camera techniques, and sound design to bring hilarity to life. Learn how to refine your videos to perfection through skills in editing and writing. You'll pair your new video strategies with professional equipment to create live action and stop animation shorts.

### CERAMICS

Frequency: Twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday  
 Eligibility: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade GRPS students  
 Teaching Artist: Abby Cushway

Join us on an exciting ceramics journey and explore a wide range of techniques in a welcoming environment. You'll learn the basics of hand-building—to create trinket objects, plates, bowls, and small-scale sculptures—before creating symmetrical pieces like cups, vessels, and vases on the pottery wheel. Let your imagination soar through clay.



## wednesday studio options

### TEEN ARTS + TECH MURAL

Frequency: Weekly on Wednesday  
Eligibility: 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade GRPS students  
Teaching Artist: George Eberhardt

Make a bold statement through mural art. Dive into the process of building concepts and exploring painting styles to create a mural that is visually exciting and carries a message that you and your peers can proudly share with the community. The final mural will be painted in Teen Arts + Tech hallway at WMCAT, leaving your artistic imprint for all to see.

*\*Students in the studio receive a \$100 stipend for 70% attendance and meaningfully contributing to the work.*

### WMCAST

Frequency: Weekly on Wednesday  
Eligibility: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade GRPS students  
Teaching Artist: Brandon Copeland

Make your story heard! Join season two of *WMCAST: By Teens, For You*, a podcast created and directed by students. Interview guests of your choice, write scripts, and host new episodes. Get a chance to work as a team and share your ideas with the world on Spotify and Apple Podcasts.

*\*Students in the studio receive a \$100 stipend for 70% attendance and meaningfully contributing to the work.*

## monday + wednesday studio option

### DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKING

Frequency: Twice weekly on Monday and Wednesday  
Eligibility: 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade GRPS students  
Teaching Artist: Mike Saunders

**Please note:** Depending on production schedule, students may have expectations on the occasional weekend or evening.

Join a student film team to produce two short film documentaries! Uncover lost stories and culture of Grand Rapids all while conveying this history from your perspective. You'll story board and use professional equipment to conduct thoughtful interviews and create meaningful narratives through video.

*\*Students in the studio receive a \$200 stipend for 70% attendance and meaningfully contributing to the work.*

### FASHION DESIGN

Frequency: Twice weekly on Monday and Wednesday  
Eligibility: 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade GRPS students  
Teaching Artist: John Cox

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