



# TEEN ARTS + TECH PROGRAM

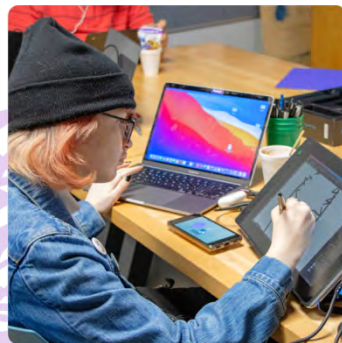
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CREATE ART • MAKE FRIENDS • CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY • ELEVATE YOUR VOICE

**At WMCAT, you're an artist.** Whether you're glazing ceramics, mixing a beat, designing a mural, shooting a video, or sewing a runway-ready look, the **afterschool Teen Arts + Tech Program** at the West Michigan Center for Arts + Technology (WMCAT) 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 fall 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



video production



illustration

## WHAT TO EXPECT

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 September 23 and end the week of December 12.

## 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).

## a day at WMCAT

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

- August 1 • Enrollment opens
- August 22 • Priority enrollment deadline for returning students (students who attended spring 2024 semester)
- September 5 • Enrollment event #1 (required for new students – who did not attend spring 2024 semester)
- September 11 • Enrollment event #2 (required for new students – who did not attend spring 2024 semester)
- September 11 • ~~Enrollment forms due~~ **Deadline Extended! Enrollment forms due September 24**
- By September 17 • Students receive an email regarding studio placement
- Week of Sept. 23 • Teen Arts + Tech Program begins (exact date dependent upon studio)
- October 21 • GRPS no school, no Teen Arts + Tech Program
- October 31 • GRPS half day, no Teen Arts + Tech Program
- November 5 • GRPS no school, no Teen Arts + Tech Program
- November 27-28 • Thanksgiving, no Teen Arts + Tech Program
- December 12 • Teen Arts + Tech Exhibition at 5:30 p.m., family and friends encouraged to attend

## TO ENROLL

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

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 spring 2024 semester)

#### ONE STEP TO ENROLL

1. Complete a fall 2024 enrollment form with your studio selection. **Submit by August 22 to secure your spot before new students enroll.**

- Submit the online form at [artstech.wmcat.org/enrollment](http://artstech.wmcat.org/enrollment).

*or*

- Fill out the attached paper form and either:
  - 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 events but are welcome to!

\*\*WMCAT is closed August 5-9, August 21-22 and September 2.

### new students

#### TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

1. Complete a fall 2024 enrollment form with your studio selection, signed by a parent/guardian, **by September 24**. You can either:

- Submit the online form at [artstech.wmcat.org/enrollment](http://artstech.wmcat.org/enrollment).

*or*

- Fill out the attached paper form and either:
  - 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 one of the enrollment events (details below).

You will not be enrolled until both steps are completed.

\*WMCAT is closed August 5-9, August 21-22 and September 2.

### enrollment events

Required for new students. Returning students welcome.

Enrollment events are held at WMCAT, 614 First St NW #300 (Third Floor), Grand Rapids, MI 49504 on:

- **Thursday, September 5, 3:30–5:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, September 11, 3:30–5:00 p.m.**

See WMCAT's space, meet staff and teaching artists, and turn in enrollment forms while enjoying refreshments. 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 on transportation.

**New students:** The enrollment events have passed, please contact Program Coordinator Carolina at 616-454-7004 or [teenprograms@wmcat.org](mailto:teenprograms@wmcat.org) to schedule a tour of WMCAT.



# TEEN ARTS + TECH PROGRAM FALL 2024 ENROLLMENT FORM

## 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 2024-2025 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 of 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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## 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=1<sup>st</sup> choice and 2=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 as there are grade level requirements for the twice weekly Monday and Wednesday studios.*

### once weekly: wednesday studio options

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

Schedule: Wednesdays

Eligibility: 9th–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 and print 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!

twice weekly: tuesday + thursday studio options

**CERAMICS I**

Schedule: Tuesdays + Thursdays  
 Eligibility: 9th-12th grade GRPS students  
 Teaching Artist: Abby Cusway

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

**FULL**

**DIGITAL ILLUSTRATION**

Schedule: Tuesdays + Thursdays  
 Eligibility: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade GRPS students  
 Teaching Artist: George Berhardt

Bring drawings to life through digital illustration! With a focus on media like manga, comics, stickers, and t-shirts, you'll learn traditional techniques and apply your skills using Photoshop and other digital software tools. Experience what's possible when you go from pen and paper to creative technology.

**FULL**

**FASHION DESIGN I**

Schedule: Tuesdays + Thursdays  
 Eligibility: 9th-12th grade GRPS students  
 Teaching Artist: John Fox

Enter the world of fashion and create your own design. Develop your fashion idea from concept to production, including illustrating your design, creating prototypes, and sewing your idea into reality. You'll connect with the Grand Rapids Art Museum for high fashion inspiration from the Alexander McQueen exhibit to create unique accessories which will be modeled during Fashion Week at the GRAM in December.

**FULL**

**MUSIC PRODUCTION**

Schedule: Tuesdays + Thursdays  
 Eligibility: 9th-12th grade GRPS students  
 Teaching Artist: Brandon Cleveland

Experience the excitement of the music industry! Discover music creation techniques while working with professional artists to write and produce songs. You'll learn to write, produce, mix, and master original songs in collaboration with other students.

**FULL**

**VIDEO PRODUCTION I**

Schedule: Tuesdays + Thursdays  
 Eligibility: 9th-12th grade GRPS students  
 Teaching Artist: Mike Saunders

Get your start in video production! Discover the art of video through camera techniques, acting, and sound design to bring creativity to life. Learn how to refine your videos through skills in editing, writing, and production.





## twice weekly: monday + wednesday studio options

### CERAMICS II

Schedule: Mondays + Wednesdays

Eligibility: 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade GRPS students

Teaching Artist: Abigail Conway

Discover endless possibilities in pottery! Build on your foundational skills and expand your ceramics toolkit by exploring new materials and techniques. From molds, ceramic lamps, larger-scale vessels, and advanced glazing techniques, you'll broaden your artistic horizons.

*An optional open studio will be available on Wednesdays for students in this studio.*

### FASHION DESIGN II

Schedule: Mondays + Wednesdays

Eligibility: 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade GRPS students

Teaching Artist: John Cox

Take your sewing skills up a notch! You will build your skills by learning how to implement advanced closures and detailed embellishments. You'll connect with the Grand Rapids Art Museum for high fashion inspiration from the Alexander McQueen exhibit with exclusive access to high fashion pieces and design inspiration, students will use materials like leather and vinyl to create memorable accessories. Your piece will be modeled during Fashion Week at the GRAM in December.

### INTERACTIVE ILLUSTRATION

Schedule: Mondays + Wednesdays

Eligibility: 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade GRPS students

Teaching Artist: George Eberhardt

Express yourself while creating interactive installations that wow! Using illustration, painting, and mechanics you will build original moving art pieces like custom Rubik's cubes and 3D sculptures. Learn how to take creativity to the next level in this exciting experimental studio.

### VIDEO PRODUCTION II

Schedule: Mondays + Wednesdays

Eligibility: 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade GRPS students

Teaching Artist: Mike Saunders

Join a team of students to produce original sketch comedy! Story board, write, act, and edit your own hilarious ideas. Apply concepts like montage, continuity, composition, and depth of field to make your audience laugh. Create sketch comedy shorts, commercial parodies and develop your own characters. Find inspiration in the absurdity that surrounds you, be ready to spend a lot of time laughing.