



COMMUNICATIONS ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

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CAHS application deadline is
February 20, 2008

Current High School _____

Sophomore Applicant Information

Please Print or Type

Last Name First MI Northside Student ID Number

Address Apt # City State Zip

Home Phone Check here if restricted. Cell or Pager Number of Parent Parent /Guardian E-mail Address

Social Security Number Date of Birth Gender

Applicant resides with [Name of person(s)]: _____

Relationship of Person(s) named above:

Ethnicity of Student (optional)

____ Father ____ Stepfather ____ African American ____ Hispanic
____ Mother ____ Stepmother ____ Asian/Pacific Islander ____ White, non Hispanic
____ Other (please specify) _____ ____ Native American Indian

Father/Guardian Employer _____
Name of Business Phone

Mother/Guardian Employer _____
Name of Business Phone

High school scheduled to attend next year: _____

Are you applying to another Northside Magnet School? Business Careers Health Careers Jay Science Academy

Northside ISD does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, or disability in providing access to benefits of education services, activities, and programs, including vocational programs, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Student and Parent Commitment

We recognize that students apply to attend Communications Arts High School as an optional school program because of the stated goals of the school. We recognize that attendance at CAHS is a privilege, not a right. We understand that admission to CAHS is competitive; and if accepted, we understand that satisfactory behavior, good conduct, academic progress, and regular attendance are mandatory for continued enrollment. We realize that administrators from CAHS view discipline records as part of the application process. Due to outside contact with professionals and future employers in the community, a higher standard of appearance is expected at this magnet school than at a traditional school. We understand that teachers, counselors, and administrators will advise students on their responsibility of maintaining a mature and professional appearance, including length, coloring, and styles of hair grooming as well as appropriate dress and footwear. We also agree to abide by all Northside ISD policies including discipline, attendance, good conduct, and passing grades. We agree to ethical practices established at CAHS regarding computer security and communications networks. We understand that all Communications Arts' core classes are honors, Pre-AP, or Advanced Placement and we agree to this rigorous curriculum. Finally we understand that if accepted, this acceptance is tentative until the school receives the applicant's final report card and citizenship reports. If any of these reports is not satisfactory, the applicant will not be admitted.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

Submit for Admission

- ____ 1. *Official copy of PRC (transcript) that includes all middle school and 9th grade grades and standardized test results.*
- ____ 2. *Copy of current report card through the most recent grading period.*
- ____ 3. *Student and Parent Commitment signatures (above).*
- ____ 4. *A personal essay (over one page) on separate paper or a 5 minute video entitled: "What distinguishes me from my peers and why I want to attend CAHS".*
- ____ 5. *After acceptance, a Magnet School Course Selection Card will be mailed to you to be completed and returned.*

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA

*Admission is based on the following criteria: commitment to develop exceptional skills in written, oral, and visual communications, satisfactory attendance, satisfactory conduct (citizenship marks on report cards and office referrals to the Vice-Principal's Office are considered), satisfactory standardized test scores, and **at least** a "C" average in middle school. Please note that copies of middle school discipline records will be reviewed by Communications Arts High School administrators. Students who meet the criteria will be admitted to the lottery pool. Once a lottery pool has been established from the applications that meet the initial criteria, the lottery will be conducted. Selections from the qualified applicants are random. Students included in the lottery pool but not selected in the initial lottery will remain in the pool that will be used to fill additional spots as openings occur.*

UIL Athletic Participation

According to UIL policy, once enrolled in a magnet program, if the student leaves the magnet school to attend another school of the parents' residence or any other high school, the student is not eligible for **varsity** athletic competition for one calendar year.

Additional Comments by Parent/Student

Applicant, Parent, Counselor, Principal: Any information or extenuating circumstances regarding attendance, grades, conduct, discipline referrals, or any other special considerations of which CAHS officials should be aware regarding this applicant should be explained in this space.

THIS IS NOT SPACE FOR THE STUDENT ESSAY. USE A SEPARATE PAGE.

Acceptance Notification

Students will be notified of tentative acceptance by letter that will be mailed **March 14, 2008**. This acceptance is **TENTATIVE** until CAHS reviews the applicant's **FINAL REPORT CARD** and **CITIZENSHIP REPORTS**. If either of these reports is unsatisfactory, the applicant will not be admitted to Communications Arts.

Out-of-district students must pay tuition to this magnet school.