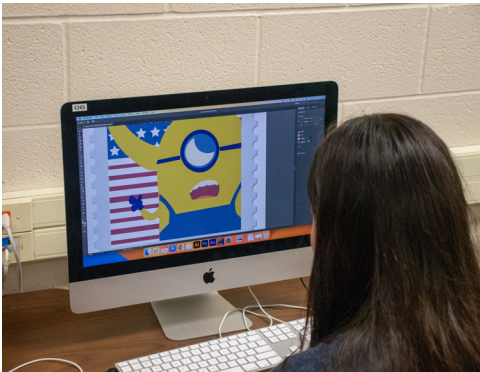


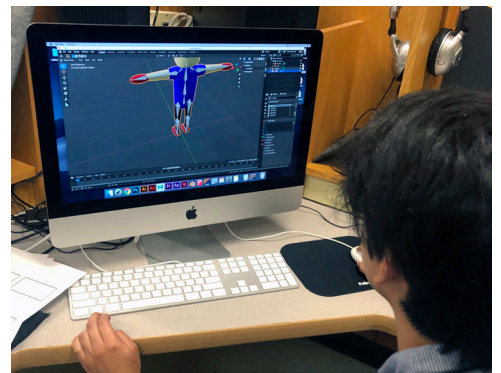
COMMUNICATIONS ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

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 Communications Arts High School



Communications Arts High School students will be confident, capable, communicative leaders. ComArts promotes curiosity while providing rigorous academics in a supportive and collaborative environment.





ABOUT US

Communications Arts is a Northside ISD magnet school located on the William Howard Taft High School campus. Each year over 180 freshmen are accepted into our unique four-year program which focuses on college preparation and leads to the Texas Graduation Foundation Plan with a Multidisciplinary and Business and Industry Diploma Endorsements. Additionally, students may earn any of the other endorsements depending on the credits earned throughout their high school career.

CAHS earned the Platinum Member Status for the AP School Honor Roll by College Board and received the honor of the 2023 AP Access Award.

THE SUCCESSFUL COMARTS STUDENT

The successful ComArts student is

- able to speak publicly in various settings, both formal and informal, with diversified audiences.
- hard-working and willing to undertake rigorous and college-level courses with support from teachers and resources at school.
- responsible and goal-oriented, actively pursuing goals and achieving those goals within a given time frame.
- eager to take risks and extend outside their comfort zone, taking control of the educational experience.
- enthusiastic and comfortable using technology throughout the day: ComArts is the only NISD school with 100% Mac labs.
- able to create, design, problem solve and become innovative thinkers.





CURRICULUM

In order to maintain our college preparatory setting, most core classes at ComArts are Advanced level, Advanced Placement, OnRamps, and/or Dual Credit. Our unique communications magnet program is based on three distinctive strands: **Audio/Video Production, Animation, and Broadcast Journalism**, with the potential to earn Adobe Certifications in Illustrator, Photoshop, Premiere, and Animate. The Four-Year Plan is subject to change depending on the student's credits earned and extracurricular activities. College credit opportunities include OnRamps, Dual Credit, and passing scores on AP exams. Students must meet the TSI assessment requirements identified by Alamo Colleges prior to enrollment in dual credit courses.

AP = Advanced Placement

OR = OnRamps through UT Austin

Adv = Advanced

DC = Dual Credit (both high school & college credit)

FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR	SENIOR
Adv English 1	Adv English 2	AP English 3/DC (ENG 1301/1302)	AP English 4/DC (ENG 2322/2323)
Algebra 1 or Adv Algebra 1	Algebra 2 or Adv Algebra 2	Geometry or Adv Geometry	Advanced Math Course
Biology or Adv Biology	Chemistry or Adv Chemistry	Physics or OR Physics 1	Advanced Science Course
AP Human Geography	AP World History	AP US History	AP Government and AP Economics
Principles of Arts, Audio/Visual Technology, and Communication	Digital Communications	Audio/Video Production 1	Audio/Video Production 2
Principles of Arts, Audio/Visual Technology, and Communication	Digital Media	Animation 1	Animation 2
Advanced Broadcast Journalism 1H	Advanced Broadcast Journalism 2H	Advanced Broadcast Journalism 3H	Independent Study Journalism
Spanish 1	Adv Spanish 2	Adv Spanish 3 or Spanish III DC (SPAN 2311/2312)	Fine Arts Course
PE or PE Equivalent	Elective	Health/Speech	Elective

ComArts electives may include:

- AP Spanish 4, AP Spanish 5, and Adv Spanish 6
- Literary Genres: Film, Mythology, and Science Fiction
- OnRamps Arts and Entertainment
- Adv Yearbook and Adv Journalism Photography
- 3D Modeling and Animation
- College Transition

Taft electives may include:

- Art
- Athletics, Dance, and Spirit
- Band, Choir, and Orchestra
- ROTC
- Theatre



HOW TO APPLY

Qualified ComArts applicants must:

- successfully complete the current grade
- have a GPA of "C" or better
- maintain conduct and attendance records
- earn satisfactory standardized test scores
- aspire for excellence in communications

Students entering the ninth or tenth grade who want to apply for admission to ComArts can complete an application. Applications are available online through our website.

Only applicants who meet all admissions requirements AND submit a completed application by the deadline will be entered into the lottery. Acceptances are conditional on end-of-year grades, discipline, attendance, and standardized testing. **Accepted students are expected to maintain these standards until matriculation and take all of their ELA, History, and Spanish AP exams.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Tours of ComArts

Tour the campus **November 30, 2023** and **January 9, 2024** from 6:30-8:00 PM for an informal meet and greet with staff and students representing organizations and activities.

Application Deadline

ComArts must receive applications along with supporting documents uploaded online by **January 16, 2024**.

Notification Letters Emailed

Letters indicating the status of your acceptance will be emailed on **January 26, 2024**. Subsequent lotteries may occur, as needed, until all slots are filled.

Commitment Forms Returned

Forms indicating your ComArts commitment must be received by **February 9, 2024**. Forms may be faxed, emailed (sonya.lee@nisd.net), or mailed to the school.

