





COMMUNICATIONS ARTS

MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL





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









CURRICULUM

Most core classes at Communications Arts High School are Advanced, Advanced Placement, OnRamps, and/or Dual Credit. Our unique communications magnet program is based on three distinctive strands: Animation, Audio/Video Production, & Broadcast Journalism, with the potential to earn Adobe Certifications in Illustrator, Photoshop, Premiere, and After Effects. The Four-Year Plan is subject to change depending on the student's credits earned & extracurricular activities. College credit opportunities include OnRamps, Dual Credit, and passing scores on AP exams. Students may need to meet the TSI assessment requirements identified by Alamo Colleges prior to enrollment in dual credit courses.

AP = Advanced Placement

Adv = Advanced

OR = OnRamps through UT Austin

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

FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR	SENIOR
Adv English 1 or English 1	Adv English II or English II	AP English 3/DC or English 3	AP English 4/DC or English 4
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 or World Geography	AP World History or World History	AP US History/DC or US History	AP Government and AP Economics or Government and 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 Studies: Journalism
Spanish 1	Adv Spanish 2	Elective	Fine Arts Course
PE or PE Equivalent	Elective	Health/Communication Applications	Elective

Communications Arts High School electives may include:

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

Taft electives may include:

- Art
- Athletics, Dance, Drill, and Cheer
- Band, Choir, and Orchestra
- ROTC
- Theater





HOW TO APPLY

Qualified Communications Arts High School 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 Communications Arts High School 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 are encouraged to take their AP exams.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tours of Communications Arts High School
Tour the campus December 3, 2026 and January 7, 2027 from 6:30pm-8:00 PM for an informal meet and greet with staff and students representing organizations and activities.

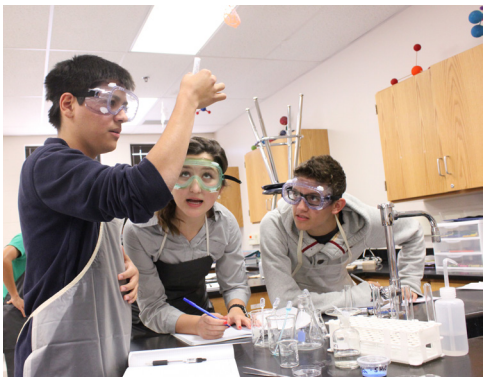
Application Deadline
Communications Arts High School must receive applications along with supporting documents uploaded online by January 22, 2027. Applications are open November 16, 2026.

Notification Letters Emailed
Letters indicating the status of your acceptance will be emailed on February 1, 2027. Subsequent lotteries may occur until all slots are filled.

Commitment Forms Returned
Forms indicating your Communications Arts High School commitment must be received by February 8, 2027. Forms may be faxed, emailed (sonya.lee@nisd.net), or mailed to the school.
Fax number: 210-293-4216

















ABOUT US

Communications Arts High School 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 & Industry Diploma. Additionally, students may earn other endorsements depending on the credits earned throughout their high school career.

Communications Arts High School earned the Platinum Member Status for the AP School Honor Roll by College Board and received the honor of the 2023 and 2024 AP Access Award.

THE SUCCESSFUL COMMUNICATIONS ARTS STUDENT

The successful Communications Arts High School 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: Communications Arts High School is the only NISD school with 100% Mac labs.
- Able to create, design, problem solve and become innovative thinkers.











