



Academy of Arts, Audio-Video Technology & Communications

Academy Overview:

Arts, Audio-Video Technology & Communications

The Arts, Audio-Video Technology, and Communications cluster engages students in challenging curricula where they are able to develop technical skills in the areas of graphic arts, television production, animation, advertising design, and commercial photography within a safe and innovative setting. Students who choose to complete a pathway in this cluster have the ability to comprehend course materials and complete laboratory work, projects, and assignments related to the cluster.

Courses in this cluster provide students with the knowledge and skills for further education and for employment. Students use current and emerging technology, observe modeling and mastery of competencies, and develop and apply skills required for success in their chosen fields. Students work together to build a community of learning where their ideas become a source of learning.



Course Sequence

10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Introduction to Animation and Visual Communication	Storyboarding	Animated Filmmaking

Course Descriptions

Introduction to Animation and Visual Communication

Introduction to Animation and Visual Communication is a one-credit course that introduces students to the animation industry. Emphasis is placed on safety in a laboratory and studio environment. Students apply the principles of animation to visually communicate thoughts, feelings, and ideas. Topics of study include animation history, criticism, production, and materials and media utilized in the field. Successful completion of this course prepares students for subsequent courses in animation.

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Storyboarding

Storyboarding is a one-credit course that provides students with the opportunity to visually illustrate and communicate ideas, themes, locations, and emotions. Storyboards are created through a variety of electronic, traditional, and digital media. Successful completion of this course prepares students for the Animated Filmmaking course and entry-level careers in Storyboarding.

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Animated Filmmaking

Animated Filmmaking is a one-credit course that provides students with the opportunity to produce entertaining animated films utilizing a variety of techniques. Topics include visual development, storyboarding preproduction, animation production, and animation technology. Successful completion of this course prepares students for Advanced Animation Portfolio, post-secondary education, and entry level careers in Animated Filmmaking.

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