

The Center for the Arts and Communication at Woodside High School

A Magnet Program for the Arts &
Communication for Newport News
Public Schools students

6 Majors – one magnet



The Center for the **Arts and Communications** at Woodside High School

1. **1. Communication:**

- TV Broadcast/Journalism, and video editing

■ **2. Creative Writing :**

- Stories, poems, historical fiction, scripts

■ **3. Dance :**

- Modern, Ballet, and Jazz styles

6 Majors — 3 available for non-magnet students

- **4. Drama:**

- Acting, directing, stagecraft (Lights, sets, etc.)

- **5. Music:**

- Band, Chorus, Guitar, Orchestra, Piano

- **6. Visual Art:**

- Studio Art, Photography, Digital Design

Why the magnet?

What is the purpose of the magnet?

1. an in-depth arts education:

Each magnet has 4 year curriculum & requirements

2. work with arts professionals:

Magnet teachers are practicing artists & teachers

3. extra arts opportunities and more:

Shows, coffeehouses, electives class

and a great high school!!

Do all students major in Arts in college?

5) Do we expect everyone to go to college in their discipline?

No. There are 3 “paths”:

- 1) College/other advanced training,
- 2) entry level jobs after H.S., or
- 3) students who are Arts consumers/advocates and learn to enjoy the Arts & Communications at a deeper level

Program requirements

6) What are the requirements of the program?

- GPA of at least 3.0
- No suspensions
- No Ds or Fs in magnet classes



7) What happens if magnet students have GPA or discipline issues?

Conferences, probation, if no improvement then they are “de-selected”, return to home school

Course schedules

Students take 7 classes a year:
Each year they take 4 core classes,
3 years of a World Language
2 years of Health & PE
5, 6, or 7 magnet classes

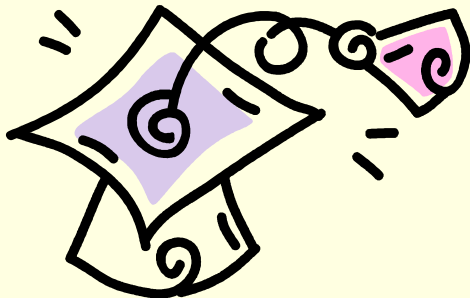
Typical 9th grade schedule

- 1 – English,
- 2 – Math,
- 3 - Social Studies,
- 4 – Science
- 5 – World Language I or II
- 6 – Magnet class
- 7 – Health & PE, or Magnet class # 2

Magnet classes offered

Communications:

- **Media I** – 9th graders - intro to TV Broadcasting, Production, and Video Editing
- **Media II** – 10th graders - intro to TV Broadcasting, Production, and Video Editing – begin producing Wake Up Woodside
- **Production I** – 11th graders - produce “Wake Up Woodside” everyday – anchors, cameras, sound, etc.
- **Journalism IITV** – 12 graders - Video editing, produce segments for Wake Up Woodside



Students learn TV Broadcasting and video editing - cover school events, concerts, games, etc. make DVDs, do the daily news show, have a professional TV Studio with Mac computers and professional equipment

Creative Writing

- **Creative Writing I** – 9th graders – Survey of all Forms of Writing – Poetry, stories, narratives, and more
- **Creative Writing II** – 10th graders – Survey of Writing Around the World
- **Creative Writing III** – 11th graders – Historical Fiction
- **Creative Writing IV** – 12 graders – Publishing – submitting work

Students write in a Writing Computer Lab – they write creatively in a variety of areas – participate in writing contests – perform at Coffeehouses and other school functions – do field trips to the Peninsula Fine Arts Center, and more.



Dance

- **Techniques of Dance I - III** – 9th- 12th graders – depending on experience & ability
- **Techniques of Dance IV – Choreography** – 9th- 12th graders – students develop and do their own choreography
- **Techniques of Dance V – Dance Company**– 9th- 12th graders - the performance group – perform at school functions, at other schools and venues
- **History and Theory of Dance** – 11th and 12 graders – study the history and theory of Dance – famous dancers & dance companies, videos, etc.

Dance Students perform full length winter ballet, a spring concert, student showcases, at coffeehouses, take field trips to performances and take classes at area studios, do master classes with professional dancers

Drama

- **Drama I - 9th graders** – beginning acting, 9th graders do a Drama I recital
- **Drama II - 10th graders** – Acting, beginning directing
- **Drama III - 11th graders** – Acting, Directing, stage production
- **Stagecraft I – 10th or 11th graders** – beginning stagecraft (technical theater) – lights, sound, building sets, props, etc.
- **Stagecraft II – 11th or 12th graders** - advanced stagecraft (technical theater) – lights, sound, building sets, props, etc.

Drama students do 4 productions per year – a Fall Play, a night of One Act plays (including original plays by students) a major musical, Children's playhouse or tour of children's plays

All Woodside students can audition for and be in Woodside plays

Music

■ **Music Groups:**

Band – Intermediate, Symphonic, Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble

Chorus – Mixed Chorus, Select Women’s Ensemble, Jubilee, and Meister Singers

Guitar – Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced

Orchestra – Concert and chamber Orchestras

Piano – Piano I, II, and III

Musicianship/AP Music Theory – students take this general music class, studying Music Theory, keyboard skills, ear-training, write music on computers and more

(Beginners can take Chorus, Guitar, & Piano)

Visual Art

- Art I – Covers elements of Art, a variety of media, all students must take this required course, then can choose from Art electives - Art Electives are in 3 main areas
- Photography I & II – Students learn traditional photography – develop their own film in our darkroom, make their own prints
- Digital Design – includes Computer Art I & II and Digital Photography
- Studio Art – includes 2D and 3D Studio art, Independent Art and AP Art

Students enter work into art shows and competitions, take field trips to museums, show art work in the halls, at coffeehouses, and more

4 Goals of Magnet Students

- Attend an arts event – school & other, in addition to the ones you may perform in
- Belong to an Arts club/performing group
- GPA – 3.0 or higher
- Miss no more than 4 days a year

Concerts – shows – plays & more!

Coffeehouses – 4 per year – open to all students, held here or area locations – next Coffeehouse – *May 2 - WoHS Cafeteria*

Plays – 4 per year, including a major musical – next play:
South Pacific – April 18-21

Dance Concerts – Dance Senior Projects May 21

Music concerts – *Woodside Jam in March*

Spring concerts in May, Spring Trips (Band to DC, Chorus to Fla.)!



Magnet Information?

Where can you find these dates and more?

Please check the Woodside Website for dates and more information.

<http://woodside.nn.k12.va.us/>

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