



# CREATE your way up.

## General Information

- All students interested in Apex Arts must complete an online application [here](#).
- All applicants must complete an audition to be considered for the program.
- Audition appointments will be automatically scheduled by the application system. Please plan accordingly.
- All applicants must pass the auditions and meet academic requirements to be eligible for the lottery.
- All students expressing interest in Apex Arts are highly encouraged to audition, regardless of previous training or experience level.

## Film & New Media Audition Components

Audition requirements:

- **Portfolio: 1 prompt from list below**  
Students have six options for the submission requirements. **Students need to choose at least ONE of the following to submit for your portfolio:**
  1. **A Script and Storyboard** for a short film or animation that you would like to produce.
  2. **A portfolio of visual artwork.** Choose your best 3 pieces of artwork in any media (2D, 3D, or Digital Media).
  3. **A short film or animation** that you have produced.
  4. **A program or video game** that you have created.
  5. Two strong **narrative writing samples**—these can be from any form of narrative (poem, short story, fiction, non-fiction, play, etc.)
  6. A printed or electronic **sampling of any New Media Communication** you have been working on. The submission must be related to creative writing or creativity in general. This may include, but is not limited to: A blog, a podcast, a website, any film, documentary, short footage you have worked on, or digital or traditional photography that accompanies a piece of writing.

- **Audition Prompt: Digital Prompt**
  - Prompt will be given at the time of audition, either in person or virtually.
  - Materials will be provided at in-person auditions.
  - If auditions are virtual- you will need blank paper and drawing materials to complete the prompt.
- **Interview**
  - Be prepared to discuss your interest in Apex Arts, your portfolio, and potential as an artist.

## Scoring Criteria

You will be scored on the following criteria for each piece:

- **Use of Media:** Work demonstrates appropriate and necessary skills in all media used.
- **Creative Expression:** Creative approach to the design/piece. The work is daring with a strong sense of personal expression of ideas and meaning.
- **Content/Style:** Mastery of skill in conveying mood, atmosphere and/or point of view with a unique perspective.
- **Use of Character/ Focal Point:** Character development is consistent and well supported with details. Focal point is evident in visual pieces, and it pulls in the viewers' attention.
- **Knowledge of narrative structure/composition:** Work is well organized (visually or structurally) and focused in a thoughtful manner. Information is presented in a logical way that fits the intent and effectively keeps the interest of the audience.

High school applicants must score at least an average score of 7 on their audition AND meet academic requirements to be eligible for this program.

## Recommendations for Preparation

- Review the **Audition Workshop** materials provided on the website.
- Visit [www.aacps.org/apexarts](http://www.aacps.org/apexarts) for more information about Info Sessions, Workshops, applications, and auditions.
- See your school counselor for assistance with the application or for more details about the academic requirements.
- Get feedback on your portfolio pieces from an art teacher at your school, ask questions about the prompts if you are unclear about what is being requested.
- Review the scoring criteria so you know how you will be assessed.
- Practice talking to various people about your interest in art and Apex Arts to prepare for the interview.
- Contact the Apex Arts Office with any specific questions you may have.
- *Si necesita una explicación en español de los requisitos, llame a José al 410 533 4815*