



What is the Arts, A/V Technology & Communications Career Cluster?

This cluster offers two different avenues of concentration:

1. Careers in the Performing Arts, Visual Arts or certain aspects of Journalism, Broadcasting and Film require courses and activities that challenge students' creative talents.
2. Careers in Audio-Video Communications Technology, Telecommunications or Printing Technology require strong backgrounds in computer and electronic-based technology and a solid foundation in math and science. All pathways require the ability to communicate effectively in both oral and written form. In addition, the creative aspects of this cluster are rapidly merging with the technological, making it even more challenging.

Possible/Related Careers for the Arts, A/V Technology & Communications Career Cluster

There are over 90 careers related to the Arts, A/V Technology & Communications Career Cluster, including but not limited to the following examples:

- Actor
- Audio-Video Engineer
- Computer Animator
- Fashion Designer & Merchandising
- Graphic Designer
- Journalist
- Musician
- Photographer
- Web Page Designer

Possible/Related Majors for the Arts, A/V Technology & Communications Career Cluster

There are an increasing number of college majors related to the Arts, A/V Technology & Communications Career Cluster, and among the most common are:

- Art/Art Studies
- AV Communication Technology
- Cinematography/Film Production
- Communication and Media Studies
- Dramatic and Theater Arts
- Graphic Design and Communication
- Journalism
- Music Technology
- Photography or Photojournalism

Related OLCHS Co-Curricular Activities for the Arts, A/V Technology & Communications Career Cluster

OLCHS students are encouraged to participate in co-curricular activities. Some related to the Arts, A/V Technology & Communications Career Cluster are:

- Anime/Sci-Fi Club
- Fall Musical
- Pegasus
- Spartanite Newspaper
- Choir
- Forensics/Speech Team
- Photojournalism Club
- Visual Arts Club
- Drama Crew
- Jazz Band
- Shield Yearbook

Related Service Learning Sites for the Arts, A/V Technology & Communications Career Cluster

OLCHS students are required to earn service learning hours in order to graduate. Some volunteer sites related to the Arts, A/V Technology & Communications Career Cluster are:

Name	Location
McCord Gallery & Cultural Center	129 th & Lagrange Rd., Palos Park
Oak Lawn Public Library	9427 Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn
Dreams for Kids	Various locations
Various Elementary & Middle Schools – contact staff to find out how you can volunteer in art/music classrooms or after school programs!	
Various Nursing Homes and Hospitals – contact staff to find out how you can volunteer in Activities!	

Aligned Elective Courses for the Arts, A/V Technology & Communications Career Cluster

Although required courses align with all 16 Career Clusters, students *must* take these courses in order to graduate from OLCHS. Therefore, they are not included below.

Students are encouraged to customize their 4-year plan with specific courses, related prerequisite courses and related career information on Career Cruising.

This guide is intended to provide general information related to career interest areas. It does not imply any guaranteed acceptance into a program of study. Students and families should carefully review post-secondary goals and entrance requirements for all post-secondary institutions of interest. Students and families are encouraged to use this as a supplemental guide during their planning.

Department and Elective Courses	9	10	11	12
Art				
Extreme Art	X	X	X	X
Intro to Drawing and Digital Art	X	X	X	X
Art Beyond Our Walls		X	X	X
Clay Construction and Clay Construction II		X	X	X
Painting		X	X	X
Photography 1		X	X	X
Photography 2: Digital or Studio		X	X	X
Sketching & Drawing		X	X	X
Fall/Spring Studio Art			X	X
Independent Study: Photography				X
Senior Studio Art				X
AP Studio Art*				X
Business				
Mobile Apps Development I	X	X	X	X
Web Design	X	X	X	X
Mobile Apps Development II		X	X	X
Sports and Entertainment Marketing		X	X	X
English Electives				
Dramatic Arts			X	X
Mass Media Writing			X	X
Speech			X	X
Creative Writing				X
Literary Expressions				X
Literature and Film				X
Foreign Language				
French or French Honors	X	X	X	X
Spanish or Spanish Honors	X	X	X	X
Spanish for Heritage Speakers	X	X	X	X
Industrial Technology				
Graphic Design 1	X	X	X	X
Graphic Design 2		X	X	X
Graphic Design Productions			X	X
Graphic Design Independent Study				X
Math				
AP Computer Science Principles	X	X	X	X
AP Statistics*				X
AP Computer Science*				X
Music				
Music Technology	X	X	X	X
Social Science				
History of Chicago			X	X
International Relations			X	X
Psychology			X	X
Sociology			X	X
AP Psychology*			X	X

*The Federal Career Clusters framework recommends students enroll in Advanced Placement and/or Dual Credit courses when available and relevant.