

Guide: Media Arts in NYC Public High Schools

What does “Media Arts” include?

In NYC Public Schools (NYCPS), Media Arts includes many different types of classes! It can include filmmaking, video production, TV production, animation, and more. These classes can also incorporate many different kinds of skills, like computer-based digital arts, camera operation, screenwriting, editing, and directing.

Do I need to attend a special Arts high school to pursue Media Arts?

No! Media Arts programs exist in many different types of high schools. While there are arts-themed high schools that include Media Arts programs, there are also Media Arts classes at non-themed high schools. Finally, some schools have Media Arts-focused Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs. CTE Programs receive a special designation from NY State, and have a focus on developing technical skills, industry connections, and workplace experience.

Do I need to have prior experience in Media Arts to pursue it in high school?

Not necessarily! There are many schools and programs that do not require prior experience in Media Arts. There are also some more selective schools and programs that will want to see examples of your creative work – like photographs, creative writing, drawings, short films, etc. – to understand your imagination, vision, and style.

Check [MySchools](#) to learn more about specific schools’ and/or programs’ eligibility requirements and admissions processes.




















































Where can I find general information about high school admissions?

Please visit the [NYCPS High School Enrollment page](#) for additional information.

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For more information, please visit <https://sites.google.com/schools.nyc.gov/nycpsmovingimage/student-resources>

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Borough	Neighborhood	School	Media Arts offered	If Other...	School screen	Media Arts Program Screen
Bronx	Melrose	Bronx Early College Academy			Yes	
	Co-Op City	Harry S Truman High School	    			
	Soundview	The Cinema School	  			
	Fordham	Theatre Arts Production Company School	  		Yes	Yes
Brooklyn	Coney Island	Abraham Lincoln High School	     			
	Cobble Hill	Digital Arts & Cinema Technology High School	    	3D Printing	Yes	Yes
	Midwood	Edward R. Murrow High School	    			
	Midwood	Midwood High School	 		Yes	
	Sunset Park	Sunset Park High School	  			
Manhattan	Midtown East	Art & Design High School	  	Screenwriting	Yes	Yes
	Gramercy	Gramercy Arts High School	  			
Queens	Long Island City	Academy for Careers in Television & Film	 			
	Jamaica	Eagle Academy for Young Men	  		Yes	
	Astoria	Frank Sinatra School of the Arts	 	Screenwriting	Yes	Yes
	Sunnyside	Motion Picture Technical High School	  	Production Design		
	Astoria	The Young Women's Leadership School of Astoria	 		Yes	

	Astoria	William Cullen Bryant High School	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>			
Staten Island	Port Richmond	Port Richmond High School	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	Social Media		
	St. George	Ralph R. Mckee CTE High School	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>			

Video/Film Production

Stop-motion Animation

Digital Animation

TV Production

Digital Art/Photo

Podcasting

Live Streaming

Other

Media Arts Programs Descriptions

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BRONX

Bronx Early College Academy has a robust film program that teaches students media analysis and production skills in grades 9-12. For our NYS State approved Career Technical Education (CTE) program, our students take technical courses in industry-standard programs like Adobe Premiere Pro to learn how to edit footage. For our International Baccalaureate Career-Related Certificate program, students learn production skills including sound design and cinematography. Before graduation, students create a film portfolio showcasing their work.

Harry S. Truman High School's Media Program is a comprehensive four-year elective course that covers all major aspects of digital communication including television production, film, video, audio podcasting and more. The program concludes senior year with a unit on career development and personal financial management. Our instructor is a 2019 Big Apple Teacher of the Year Award recipient and brings over 20 years of television news broadcasting experience into the classroom. Our school has built a state-of-the-art television broadcasting studio that we feel is the best in New York City.

The Cinema School offers a rich liberal arts education grounded in creative activity. Filmmaking serves as the core of a strong academic program that prepares students for a wide range of careers. Students take the required courses for an Advanced Regents diploma which will prepare them for admissions to competitive four-year universities. In addition to providing students with essential creative and technological skills, filmmaking also deepens learning by building confidence, responsibility, teamwork, and leadership. We offer a supportive small school community and individualized attention.

Theatre Arts Production Company School offers students a dynamic, hands-on learning experience tailored to film industry standards. As a NY State Certified CTE program, we equip our graduates with the technical skills and creative expertise necessary to excel in the media industry. Student filmmakers get to create their own films from script to filming to editing. Students develop creative, collaborative, leadership, and technical skills through project-based learning.

BROOKLYN

Abraham Lincoln High School's Media program is a 4-year sequenced elective course where students learn all about the basics of video production in a hands-on environment. Over the 4 years students learn skills on Adobe software including (but not limited to) Premiere, Photoshop, InDesign, Animate, Character Animator, and After Effects. They learn to record and edit high quality video and audio for creating commercials, short films, podcasts, and more. They can also experience live television production by participating in our Sports Live-Streaming program.

Digital Arts & Cinema Technology High School is dedicated to empowering youth with the means and methods necessary to explore societal and personal stories through the arts and cinema technology while developing the communication, collaboration, and decision-making skills needed to become innovative thinkers that create their own success. Our goal is to provide a platform for student voices to be heard, valued, and respected, in addition to creating a work-based environment dedicated to fostering students' college and career readiness.

Edward R. Murrow High School's 3-year Film & Digital Media Program provides students with a comprehensive foundation in visual storytelling, digital media production, and live broadcasting. Beginning with Digital Media Arts, students develop essential skills in photography, image editing, and graphic design to build a strong visual foundation. In

Film & Digital Media, they explore narrative filmmaking, scriptwriting, camera operation, and editing, creating short films and media projects. Finally, Live Studio & Digital Media immerses students in documentary production, live event filming, and real-time editing, preparing them for professional work in digital media and broadcast production. Through hands-on projects, industry-standard software, and collaborative productions, students graduate with a diverse portfolio showcasing their creative and technical expertise.

Midwood High School's CTE Media Arts Program is a New York State-accredited program that prepares students to be career and college ready through the media arts. With a focus on filmmaking and graphic arts, this program aims to equip students with applicable skills and provide them with real-world exposure and experiences beyond the classroom to the film/media industries. Upon completion of the program, students will be knowledgeable to use industry-standard equipment and software, earn at least two industry-recognized credentials, and receive opportunities to have their work showcased outside of school; ultimately providing students with career options after high school.

Sunset Park High School is a neighborhood school that has a robust arts program throughout 9-12 grades. In 11th grade, students take a 1/2 year Media Arts course that covers photography, filmmaking and animation. We also have an after school filmmaking club.

MANHATTAN

Art & Design High School's film program offers a rigorous artistic curriculum, combined with real world skill application. It is also a New York State Career and Technical Education (CTE) certified program. Our film department has the largest internship department in New York City, and all of our students gain industry experience as fellows and interns. We welcome all students who are interested in collaborating, communicating and creating. Our award winning program understands that visual storytelling is a skillset used by countless professions, and we are proud of the work our students do time and time again.

Gramercy Arts High School offers a visual arts track that immerses students in both fine arts and media arts. Over their 4 years they utilize their core arts foundation to experiment with and master a multitude of art styles. In that time they have the opportunity to take a variety of electives such as Animation, Mixed media photo, Ap Art History, and AP 2D Design.

QUEENS

Academy for Careers in Television and Film collaborates with industry partners to provide a Career & Technical Education (CTE) program focused on behind the scenes jobs in television & film. Students begin with the basics of production, improving their skillset with each project through sophomore year using professional grade hardware before choosing a specialty to study in junior year. The options are Directing, Camera, Sound, Grip & Electric (Lighting), Production Design (Art and Props), Hair Makeup & Wardrobe and Post Production (Editing). Students learn their crafts before collaborating on large scale capstone projects in student led teams of up to 35 students. Students gain technical skills through hands on projects and instruction in addition to soft skills that they can apply to many other jobs, such as collaboration and communication.

Eagle Academy for Young Men's Media Arts program is a dynamic, hands-on experience where students master the art of visual storytelling, digital branding, and creative educational television programming. Through cutting-edge projects in advertising, marketing, video production, and digital theatre, students transform ideas into powerful media content that speaks to today's innovative digital world. Our program teaches technical skills, while challenging students to think critically, collaborate, and shape the narratives that define culture. Whether working creatively behind the camera, in front of an audience, or strategizing the next viral advertising campaign, our young creators leave prepared to lead in the ever-evolving media landscape.

Frank Sinatra School of the Arts's Film department offers students an intensive study of filmmaking in a pre-conservatory setting. Students are exposed to the art and craft of filmmaking through hands-on curriculum that is both

demanding and rigorous. Students attend daily double-period production courses. Theory and 1-semester courses are offered every other day.

Motion Picture Technical High School is a CTE (career and technical education) film-dedicated high school with the goal of preparing students for potential high-paying jobs in the film industry. Our program has 3 pathways for students to specialize in--Craft and Design, Production, and Post-Production. These pathways allow our students to learn skills like hair and make-up, art design for film, costuming, camera operation, lighting, sound, editing, VFX (video effects), and animation.

The Young Women's Leadership School of Astoria's Filmmaking course is an elective high school course that helps students learn the fundamentals of moviemaking. Students will engage in the year-long program making different genre films from film noir to documentaries. Students will engage in daily activities that deeply reflect the filmmaking industry and will strengthen their overall collaborative, communication and precision skills.

William Cullen Bryant High School offers a comprehensive selection of courses in Computer Art (AI), Media & Production Design, and both Advanced and Introductory Graphic Design. These programs provide students with hands-on experience using industry-standard software and creative techniques. As part of the curriculum, students engage in projects that explore digital illustration, animation, and multimedia production. Additionally, the school produces weekly YouTube videos showcasing student work, tutorials, and highlights from the program. This initiative helps students build portfolios while gaining real-world experience in digital media production.

STATEN ISLAND

Port Richmond High School's Media Program begins with the introductory level, where students learn about different forms of media - including print, radio, television, and digital - and develop the skills to properly draft and script production pieces. At the intermediate level, students develop the skills to know the inner workings of the television and media as well as radio/podcasting industry, and they work on school broadcasts like Good Morning Port Richmond and the Raider Blast Podcast. At the advanced level, students are the producers, directors, writers, and creators of all aspects of the production schedule for all content, and they learn about branding and marketing to promote their show. This entire class becomes student-driven, with less teacher input and more student voice.

Ralph R. McKee Career & Technical Education High School's digital media production class is 1 year of 3 in our sequence. We begin with digital photography and move into stop motion and then videography with our culminating project being a short film. The key focus is how do we capture an audience, and convince an audience to stay connected in the shortest amount of time given the nature of social media platforms and short attention spans. Through the process we build on power skills like communication, collaboration, critical thinking, problems solving, grit and self management.