

2017-2018

# EDUCATION FOR THE ARTS



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Education  
for the Arts  
Kalamazoo RESA



## Mission Statement

The mission of Education for the Arts is to enhance arts education for all students in Kalamazoo County making dance, literary arts, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts an essential part of a comprehensive education.

Education for the Arts is a county wide consortium made up of the following participating agencies:

Climax-Scotts Community Schools

Comstock Public Schools

Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools

Gull Lake Community Schools

Kalamazoo Public Schools

Kalamazoo RESA

Parchment School District

Portage Public Schools

Schoolcraft Community Schools

Vicksburg Community Schools



## Modern/Jazz Dance Studio

1-2 credits. Daily Offerings: Comstock High School, Galesburg-Augusta High School, Kalamazoo Central High School, Loy Norrix High School, Portage Central High School, Vicksburg High School. After School Offering: Portage Central High School.

Explore Modern, Jazz and Ballet techniques in addition to other cultural dance styles such as Hip-Hop, African and Middle Eastern Dance.

## Intermediate Dance

Year long. 2 credits. Kalamazoo Central High School, Loy Norrix High School.

Increase skills in a variety of dance forms including Modern, Jazz, African and Hip-Hop. Explore the elements of Body-Energy-Space-Time.

## Advanced Dance Company

2 credits. Western Michigan University, Dalton Center.

Prerequisite: Modern/Jazz Dance Studio

Choreograph and partner with professional guest artists. Experience a variety of performance opportunities such as Art Hops, Wellspring Regional Alternative Dance Festival and Michigan Youth Arts Festival.



## Integrated Dance/Health/PE

Semester or Year long. 1-2 credits. Fall semester- Dance & PE.

Spring semester-Dance & Health

Explore dance elements, receive a Health credit. Learn the basics of volleyball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, bowling, basketball, climbing and more.

## Music Studio I

1 credit. Epic Center, Evenings

Develop basic skills in music theory and composition. Learn to read music including note identification, key signature, and time signature. Gain basic music keyboard skills. Discuss great performances. Broaden your historical and cultural understanding of music. Create music in solo and small ensembles. This class is designed for beginning music students.



## Advanced Music Studio

1 credit. Epic Center, Evenings

Further develop your skills in music theory and composition.

Build on your knowledge of scale construction, rhythm, chords, harmony and circle of 5ths chords theory through composition exercises and ear training. This class is designed for moderate to advanced music students who read music with moderate proficiency and know basic music theory.

## Advanced Musical Theatre

2 credits. Portage Central High School

Explore singing, dancing and acting. Have the opportunity to work in duet, small ensemble and large ensemble performances. Create harmony and choreography. Get the opportunity to work with professional artists. Share your work with the class and receive feedback each month through in-class performances of solo, duet, and scene work.



## Theatre Improv and Scriptwriting

2 credits. Epic Center

Create your own unique theatre experience. Study different forms of playwriting: Performance Poetry, Hip-Hop Theatre, Theatre Graffiti. Work with professional theatre artists to find and develop your voice as an artist. Expand your knowledge and learn the basic techniques of acting, playwriting and directing. Explore the great authors and playwrights.



## Film and Video Arts

2 credits. Epic Center, Vicksburg High School

Make movies. Learn to use professional editing programs. Learn which genre of film best suits you. Narrative, documentary, and experimental are all studied and practiced in the class. Enter film festivals. Build a strong portfolio. Make visual impact and share your films. Discover the filmmaking skills inside of you.



## Advanced Video Arts Studio

2 credits. Vicksburg High School

Expand and advance your film making skills. Polish and perfect skills from your first year with EFA. Further explore professional editing and equipment techniques. Integrate advanced techniques into your films.

## Media Arts Creative Suite

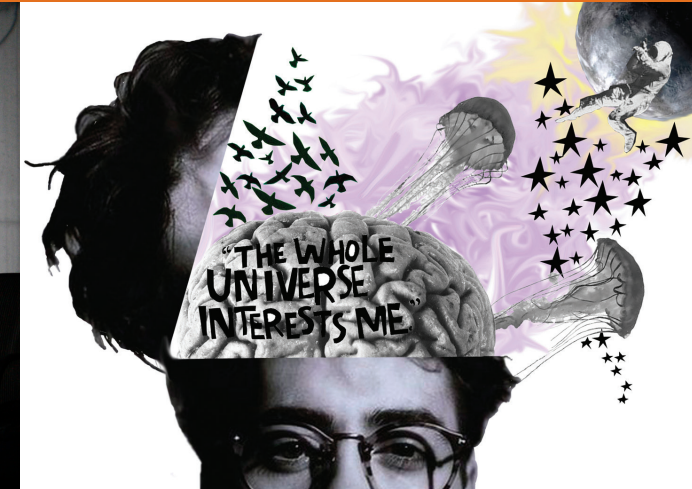
2 credits. Year long. Kalamazoo Valley Community College Center for New Media.

Learn about digital media, computer animation, text and letter forms. Communicate a message. Explore design, photography, photo manipulation and composition. Experiment with a wide range of techniques and build a strong portfolio.

## Advanced Multimedia Arts

3 credits. Epic Center. Prerequisite: Film and Video Arts, Media Arts Creative Suite or Music Studio passed with a minimum B average.

Polish and perfect skills from your first year with EFA. Expand and advance your film making skills. Further explore professional editing and equipment techniques. Integrate advanced techniques into your films. Explore film, video, still imagery, and music composition.





# Blended Learning Classes

Classes that combine online instruction along with a once-a-week class. Work online and at a state-of-the-art media arts lab.

## Digital FilmArt

0.5 credit. Fall semester. Epic Center. Evenings.

Learn filmmaking and editing fundamentals. Use state of the art equipment to make short movies and video projects. Learn about digital storytelling and the advantage of communicating with both words and pictures.

## Digital GraphicArt

0.5 credit. Fall semester. Epic Center. Evenings.

Learn the fundamentals of good (and bad) design. You'll become more aware of design in your everyday life, and this "noticing" will help you in your own work. Learn about type and how the shape, size and form of letters communicate messages.

## Digital StudioArt

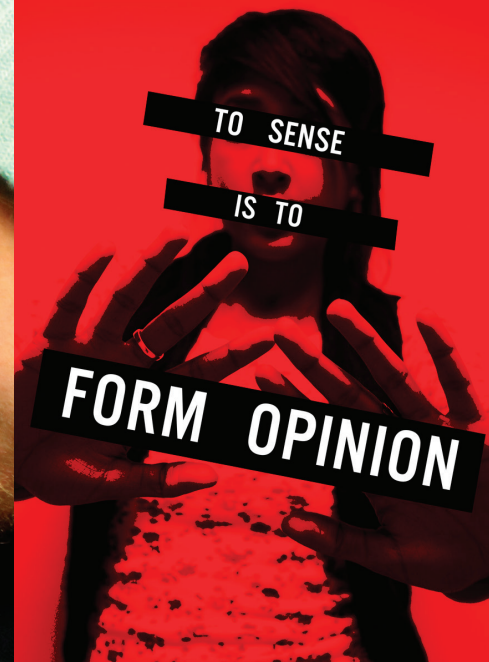
0.5 credit. Spring semester. Epic Center. Evenings.

Use computers to create and enhance illustrations. Learn the fundamentals of creating art with technology and enhance your drawing skills. Use these skills to create your own comics, cartoons, and digital artworks.

## Digital PhotoArt

0.5 credit. Spring semester. Epic Center. Evenings.

Become a better photographer through projects in framing, composition, and the use of images to communicate. Learn how to use all the functions on professional grade digital cameras. Focus on how lighting can illuminate your photos' emotion, story and character. Produce dynamic portraits of people, places and things, capture sports action, and freeze-frame a micromoment in time.



# Online Classes

One semester classes with weekly forum based class discussions.

## Creative Writing

0.5-1 credit. Fall and Spring semester

Read and write pieces in different categories of creative writing. You'll learn about, read examples of, and compose writing in each of the following four genres: personal narrative, fiction, poetry, and creative journalism. Publish online and come away with a digital portfolio of the work you've created. Read, write and work online.

## Digital Storytelling

0.5-1 credit. Fall and Spring semester

Develop your own stories with written and image based projects. Explore free, online tools that you can use to create stories. Become a better photographer & storyteller. In addition to the storytelling aspect of photography, we'll explore composition, framing, camera functionality, and more. Collaborate, critique and discuss.



## Advanced 2-D Art

0.5 credit, Fall semester; Wednesday evenings.

1 credit, Spring semester. Kalamazoo Institute of Arts.

Expand your drawing and painting skills. More thoroughly study design principles to help you create interesting and unique compositions. Learn how to make multiple images through printmaking and/or photography techniques. Learn how to professionally frame your artwork.

## Advanced 3-D Art

1 credit, Fall semester. 0.5 credit, Spring semester; Wednesday evenings.

Kalamazoo Institute of Arts.

Expand your sculpting, modeling and casting skills. More thoroughly study design principles to help you create interesting and unique works of art in the third dimension. Learn what to consider when creating objects to be viewed from all sides. Learn how to professionally present your artwork.



## Studio Art Weekends

0.5 credit

8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Saturday

12:00 – 6:00 pm, Sunday

**Students select four weekends**

Work with a number of professional artists in the studio facilities of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and the Park Trades Building. Learn from professional artists with detailed demonstrations and one-on-one instruction. Have access to proper tools, equipment and supplies to create professionally finished works of art. Create interesting and unique works of art.

Choose an in-depth exploration of four of the six media listed below:

1. Metal and Plaster Casting
2. Glass Working
3. Jewelry Making
4. Oil Painting
5. Mixed Media
6. Photography with Darkroom Processing





EFA classes are available to all students, grades 9-12 in Kalamazoo County. Each course is designed to give students the chance to develop and enhance their artistic skills. Students will work with professional artists and arts teachers in intense classes at sites around the county – in neighboring districts and outside the school in studios and performance spaces.

## FAQS ABOUT EDUCATION FOR THE ARTS CLASSES:

### WHICH EFA CLASSES CAN I TAKE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY?

Media Arts Creative Suite  
 Film and Video Arts  
 Advanced Multimedia Arts  
 Advanced Video Arts Studio  
 2-D & 3-D Art  
 Dance  
 Theatre Improv and Scriptwriting  
 Advanced Musical Theatre Workshop

### WHICH EFA CLASSES CAN I TAKE AFTER SCHOOL, IN THE EVENING, ONLINE OR ON THE WEEKEND?

**AFTER SCHOOL:** Modern/Jazz Dance, Integrated Dance/Health/PE.

**EVENING:** Music Studio, Advanced Music Studio, 2-D & 3-D Art.

**WEEKENDS:** Studio Art Weekends.

**ONLINE:** Creative Writing, Digital Storytelling.

**BLENDED LEARNING (ONLINE & EVENING):** Digital Photo Art, Digital Film Art, Digital Studio Art, Digital Graphic Art.

### WHAT IS A BLENDED LEARNING CLASS?

A class that combines online instruction, along with a once-a-week class.

### WHICH EFA CLASSES OFFER OTHER MICHIGAN MERIT CREDIT OPTIONS IN ADDITION TO CREDIT IN THE VISUAL, PERFORMING, & APPLIED ARTS?

**HEALTH:** Integrated Dance/Health/PE.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** Dance (depends on school district), Integrated Dance/Health/PE.

**ONLINE:** Creative Writing, Digital Storytelling.

### WHERE DO EFA CLASSES MEET?

It depends on the class. Sites include: Epic Center, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo Valley Community College and several high schools.

# EDUCATION FOR THE ARTS 2017-2018 STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

To be completed by the student and parent/guardian.

Student Name.....

Date of Birth.....Gender: ..... 2016-2017 Grade Level.....

Home Phone Number..... High School.....

High School of Residence.....

Parent/Guardian Name.....

Phone Number.....

Street Address.....

City.....

Zip Code..... Email Address.....

Transportation if EFA program is offsite Student Driving: Yes / No

Bus: Yes / No (dependent upon local school district policy)

Film and Video Arts

Indicate Section:

Epic Center, Daily

Vicksburg High School, Daily

Advanced Multimedia Arts - Epic Center, Full Year

Advanced Video Arts Studio -Vicksburg High School

Media Arts Creative Suite

Studio Arts Weekends

Advanced 2-D Art

Indicate Section:

1st Semester, Wednesday Evening

2nd Semester, Daily

Advanced 3-D Art

Indicate Section:

1st Semester, Daily

2nd Semester, Wednesday Evening

Theatre Improv and Scriptwriting

Music Studio I - Full Year, Evening

Advanced Music Studio - Full Year, Evening

Advanced Musical Theatre

Advanced Dance Company

Intermediate Dance Studio

Indicate Section:

Kalamazoo Central High School

Loy Norrix High School

Modern/Jazz Dance Studio

Indicate Section:

Comstock High School

Galesburg-Augusta High School

Kalamazoo Central High School

Loy Norrix High School

Portage Central High School, After School

Vicksburg High School

Integrated Dance/Health/PE - Year Long

Dance/PE - 1st Semester

Dance/Health - 2nd Semester

**BLENDED LEARNING AND ONLINE  
CLASSES ON OTHER SIDE . . . .**

**BLENDED LEARNING AND ONLINE CLASSES:**

- Digital FilmArt - 1st Semester, Epic Center. Evening & Online
- Digital GraphicArt - 1st Semester, Epic Center. Evening & Online
- Digital StudioArt - 2nd Semester, Epic Center. Evening & Online
- Digital PhotoArt - 2nd Semester, Epic Center. Evening & Online
- Creative Writing Online
  - 1st Semester
  - 2nd Semester
- Digital Storytelling Online
  - 1st Semester
  - 2nd Semester



**PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL FOR APPLICATION**

I/we understand that our daughter/son is registering for an Education for the Arts program offered by the local schools through the Kalamazoo County Education for the Arts consortium and that:

- Daily attendance is **REQUIRED**.
- All students will be responsible for following the rules established by the program instructor and failure to do so can result in removal from the program.
- Transportation may be the responsibility of the student if the local school does not provide transportation.
- The sending school is making a financial commitment and students are expected to complete the full enrollment period.

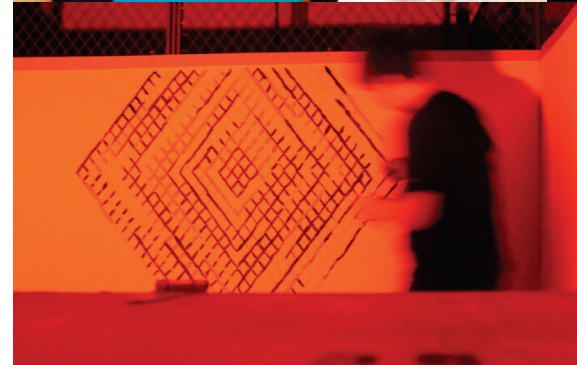
I have read the attached information about the program and give my approval for my son/daughter,

(Name of student) : .....  
to enroll in the above program.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

.....  
Student Signature Date

The Kalamazoo County Consortium/Education for the Arts does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, sexuality, national origin, age, height, weight, marital status, handicap, or disability in any of its programs or activities.







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