

Montgomery Blair High School – Academy of Media, Music, and The Arts

Registration for the upcoming school year will be happening very soon, and it will be done completely online this time. It is imperative that you think about which classes you would like to take **before you sit down to register**; you need to know what you have to take, and think about which electives you will enjoy the most.

To be recognized as an academy graduate you need to take a minimum of three classes and complete and present a capstone project.

The three classes should be selected from the list attached (any combination of one semester .5 credit classes and entire year 1.0 credit classes). You need just three different classes – and they can consist of any mix of Media, Music, or Fine Arts classes.

You will also need to complete a Capstone Project (more information can be found on the Academies webpage). As a Media, Music, and The Arts Academy graduate, you will be recognized at a special ceremony in the spring, receive a special college recommendation letter to enhance your college application, and will be recognized on your graduation day with an honor cord and certificate similar to what our CAP and Magnet students receive. The main reward of taking these classes, really though, is to maximize every moment of your four years at Blair and use your high school years to prepare you for future academic and career success.

It may help to keep and complete this table below as you prepare to register for next year...

Media, Music, and The Arts Electives
Classes I have taken
Classes I will register to take next year

Keep this form for future use / Courses listed on the reverse of this page

Academy of Media, Music, & the Arts Offerings

Acting: Complex development of acting skills and theories, structured methods of role/character development.

Art & Culture: Explore cultures of many countries through hands-on art projects

Art Electives: Foundations of Art, Studio Art 1,2,3, Ceramics 1,2,3,4, Digital Art, Photography 1,2,3, Fashion Drawing & Design

Creative Writing: Guided instruction in creative writing with special emphasis on poetry, drama, fiction, and expository writing.

Dance as Fine Art: Emphasizes developing technique and exploring dance as a fine art. Applications directed at movement problem solving, original choreography, and increased improvisational skills.

Digital Art: Love Computers? Love Art? Combine these loves in Digital Art 1 and 2!

Fashion Drawing & Design: Improve your drawing skills while exploring the world of fashion.

General Music Electives: Piano 1,2, Guitar 1,2, Music Technology, World Drumming, Music Theory and Composition

AP Music Theory: Study the elements of music through written and aural work as you prepare for the AP Music Theory Exam in May

Introduction to Media Literacy: This class serves as the basic introductory class for the entire academy. It outlines the framework as to what it means to be media literate and gives students a frame of reference of the expectations of studying and creating their own media products from a more critical perspective. The class introduces students to the core concepts of media literacy and allows them to begin the process of tapping into and mapping their courses of study within the academy.

Journalism: Develop skills in gathering and reporting news, editing, copyreading, and headlining. Consider issues such as the responsibilities of the press, libel and slander laws, problems of censorship, role of news media in shaping public opinion.

Literature as Film: Examines the original texts and choices made by writers and directors in the adaptation process.

Media in Society: Focuses on the systematic analysis of information received through various mass media to help students develop independent judgments about media content.

Music Performance Classes: Chorus, Show Choir, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Orchestra, Symphonic Orchestra, Jazz Lab Band, Honors jazz Band

Music Technology: Techniques of electronic sound production and manipulation, and apply them to create their own compositions.

Play Directing: Skills required in theater directing and role of director as interpretative and creative artist.

Stage Design: Study stage production and design, mounting of stage presentations, emphasis on problems of technical production.

Theater: Understanding of the entire process through which human behavior is translated into a written drama, produced as a play, and presented to an audience.

TV Production: Introduces the fundamentals of television. Exploration of major issues affecting television broadcasting, programming, and scheduling.

OTHER RECENTLY ADDED COURSES: African American Literature, Lights-Camera-Literacy!