Dear Students,

Did you know that the Chicago Public Schools offers a remarkable arts experience for you to define and refine your artistic voice? This incredible program is called the CPS Advanced Arts Program (AAP). AAP is a rigorous early college and career arts opportunity for juniors and seniors who attend any type of CPS high school (charter, contract, and options). All course materials and transportation are provided free of charge to AAP students.

Every AAP course is co-taught by a CPS arts educator and a professional teaching artist. All AAP courses qualify for Honors, Dual, or AP credit. Approximately 150 students from numerous CPS schools attended the Advanced Arts Program 100 minutes per day as part of their daily schedule in SY20-21. Students visit and collaborate with working arts professionals from around Chicago and beyond in a typical school year.

AAP is committed to ensuring all CPS students have access to a high-quality arts education. Therefore, our program prioritizes admitting students who:

A. Do not have access to an Advanced or Early College art course at their home school.
B. Are unable to fit a desired art course offered at their home school into their schedule

The Advanced Arts Program plans to offer the following courses for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Culinary Arts
- Photography
- Creative Arts + Ceramics
- Vocal Music
- Theatre
- Modern Band
- Jazz Combo
- Animation + Sequential Arts
- Drawing + Painting
- Dance
- Film + Video Production
- Music Theory

Please note: the final courses will be determined based on student interest and instructor availability.

Are you a student that is ready for the Advanced Arts Program?
- Are you serious about your artistic journey?
- Do you have good attendance? Do you miss 10 or fewer days of school annually?
- Do you have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher?

If you answered yes to all of the above, follow these steps to apply!
1. Visit http://advancedarts.cps.edu
2. Check out our various course offerings.
3. Go to "Student Application"
4. Complete and submit your application
5. We will reach out to you via email with the next steps!

We look forward to welcoming a new class this upcoming 2021-2022 school year! Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns!

Many thanks,

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