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# Western Heights Middle

**Arts Supporting Creative Academic &  
Performance Excellence**

**Arts: SCAPE Avenue A**

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## **Arts: SCAPE Avenue A (Academic) Program Description:**

Arts: SCAPE provides expanded opportunities to magnet students in the visual and performing arts, while incorporating best practices through arts integration (AI). WHMS will offer two Avenues—Academic and Creative. Arts: SCAPE launched during fall 2016 with Grade 6 and continued with 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2018. The ultimate goal of Arts: SCAPE is talent development for all students.

**Avenue A** (Academic) is designed for students who are **highly gifted** in both reading and math. These academically gifted students will be invited to apply following the current screening model. Advanced level coursework will utilize best practices from gifted education and arts integration (AI). **Avenue A** students complete summer assignments that their teachers will use to “frontload” content to allow magnet teachers to increase the depth of unit exploration throughout the school year.

Students invited to apply to Avenue A may also apply to Avenue B—the Creative Performing Arts Avenue. Dual applicants must also engage in the Avenue B audition process, in addition to completing the interview and task associated with the **Avenue A** application process.

## **Fast Facts:**

1. WHMS offers Dance, Theater, and Creative Writing, Color Guard, Graphic Arts, Music Production as some related arts classes.
2. WHMS offers various after school clubs and opportunities.
3. Students can earn rewards through our school-wide Grizzly Club.

**Application Deadline:** December 1, 2018

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