<u>Warren T. Eich Middle School</u>
Communication Technology Courses - Intermediate & Advanced

Communication Technology (Intermediate) Course for 7th Graders:

Communication Technology (Intermediate) is a yearlong course for students interested in working on computers to create digital stories using a variety of programs. We will be putting together broadcasts about events at school, public service announcements, and other digital projects. Students will focus on using multimedia to communicate - filming, editing, using iMovie, stop motion animation, Broadcasts, PSAs, Commercials - and a little bit of 3D modeling & Animation. This is an exploratory course to learn the basics of using multimedia to communicate with others. (We will not be focusing on coding or 3D modeling)***

To be eligible for this course it is recommended for students to have taken Beginning Comm Tech as a 6th grader. It is <u>MANDATORY</u> that students submit a sample video project to Ms. Divelbiss whether or not they have taken a Comm Tech class previously.

Communication Technology (Advanced) Course for 8th Graders:

Communication Technology (Advanced) is a yearlong course for students who have already taken the Communication Technology (Beginning) class on the 6th grade wheel, the yearlong Communication Technology (Intermediate) class, or who have a strong desire to learn more about technology and can produce samples of work they've created using iMovie or similar video editing software. The focus of this course will be to produce monthly school broadcasts, create commercials & PSAs, 3D modeling with SketchUp, and Stop Motion Animation projects. This is an advanced course in which students will be expected to work independently and in groups successfully. (We will not be focusing on coding or 3D modeling)***

To be eligible for this course it is recommended for students to have taken Beginning Comm Tech as a 6th grader <u>and/or</u> Intermediate Comm Tech yearlong or on the wheel as a 7th grader. It is <u>MANDATORY</u> that students submit a sample video project to Ms. Divelbiss whether or not they have taken a Comm Tech class previously.

***If you are interested in **CODING or 3D Modeling** - Please apply to Mr. Agostinelli's Robotics and/or Engineering Class. The Intermediate & Advanced Comm Tech classes focus more on the Visual Arts of Media Production - broadcasts, animation, & filming projects.
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To apply to Intermediate or Advanced Comm Tech, please do the following 3 items:

1. Complete the application on the back with an attached sheet with answers to questions 10 - 14. Preferred typed responses.

2. Teacher Recommendation Form for Yearlong VAPA Classes

3. Submit a Video sample to adivelbiss@rcsdk8.org*
   a. A video increases the likelihood of being admitted into the class
      *Current students in 1st or 2nd period Yearlong Comm Tech do not need to submit a video; **all other students applying should submit a video for consideration in the yearlong class.**

Application Deadline: <u>Friday, April 12th, 2019</u>

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Divelbiss: adivelbiss@rcsdk8.org

First and Last Name: _____   Current Grade: _____

1. Have you taken a Comm Tech Class before?   Yes   No
2. What did you/your parents rank this class in your class selection?   1st   2nd   3rd
   4th 5th
3. Do you finish classwork on time?   Rarely   Sometimes   Always
4. Do you work well with others?   Rarely   Sometimes   Always
5. Are you trustworthy to leave class to do projects around campus?
                                        Rarely   Sometimes   Always
6. List 2 teachers who would highly recommend you for this class:

   _____   _____
7. Did you take any Enrichment Courses with Ms. Divelbiss this year?   Yes   No
8. If yes… which one: _____
9. The yearlong Comm Tech classes require a lot of filming & editing, as well as working with
   other students. What are you most interested in doing in this yearlong class?
   ❏ Broadcasts   ❏ Stop Motion Animation
   ❏ Filming Projects   ❏ Being on camera
   ❏ Editing with iMovie   ❏ Creating PSAs/Commercials
   ❏ *Coding*** (Apply to Agostinelli's Robotics &/or Engineering Classes)*
   ❏ *3D Modeling *** (Apply to Agostinelli's Robotics &/or Engineering Classes)*

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The following questions you need to answer completely and thoroughly. This class is <u>very competitive</u> to get into, so please be sure to explain in detail and give many examples. Your answers should be a minimum of 3-6 sentences (per question).

<u>ATTACH A SHEET OF PAPER, preferred a typed response. You can also share your google doc to: adivelbiss@rcsdk8.org</u>
10. Why do you want to be in Comm Tech?
11. What experience and/or skills do you have with computers?
12. Which of these projects are you most excited to do in comm tech?
    Pick 2 and explain your experience and/or interest in these projects.
          Broadcasts, Editing, Filming, Stop Motion Animation, Commercials
13. Would people who know you describe you as trustworthy and hardworking?
    Explain why or why not; and/or an description of ways you exhibit both traits.
14. How can you contribute to our broadcasts, projects, and other filming projects? Be specific.
15. **Sample video project -** Please submit either a link to a video you have created and
    uploaded to youtube, or send the video file to adivelbiss@rcsdk8.org.
    a. Your video project can be any short film that you have planned/ filmed/edited yourself.
    b. Please keep the film shorter than 2 minutes.
    c. Please include your **first and last name, grade, and a brief explanation of the video in your email to adivelbiss@rcsdk8.org**

d. **This is MANDATORY, unless you were in my yearlong Intermediate Comm Tech 1st or 2nd period this year, you need to submit a sample video project.**