



CREATE your way up.

General Information

Middle School Creative Writing Auditions

- All students interested in Apex Arts must complete an online application [here](#).
- All applicants must complete an audition to be considered for the program.
- Audition appointments will be automatically scheduled by the application system. Please plan accordingly.
- All applicants must pass the auditions and meet academic requirements to be eligible for the lottery.
- All students expressing interest in Apex Arts are highly encouraged to audition, regardless of previous training or experience level.

Creative Writing Audition Components

A Creative Writing audition consists of:

- **Portfolio: 2 Written Works**
 - **Submit two (2) original written works from different writing genres, selected from the following:**
 - Poetry/Song
 - Prose Fiction- short stories, an excerpt novel or longer work
 - Short Scene from a Play with notes for stage directions
 - Myth, Tall Tale, or Fairy Tale
 - Comedy Routine or Parody
 - All written pieces submitted must be **typed using Times New Roman, size 12, double spaced, and maximum of 300-350 words.**
 - Label each work with your name, the genre, and date. *Example: Jane Smith, Poem, Nov. 2022*
 - Entries must be your own original work (not copied!)

- Be prepared to reference your portfolio pieces at the audition.
- **Audition Prompt: Writing Prompt**
 - Writing prompt will be given at the time of audition, either in person or virtually.
 - Students will have 30 minutes to complete a written response.
 - All writing materials will be provided for in-person audition. If auditions are virtual- you will need a blank sheet of lined paper and a writing utensil.
- **Interview**
 - Be prepared to discuss your interest in Apex Arts, your portfolio, and potential as an artist.

Scoring Criteria

You will be scored on the following criteria for each piece:

- **Organization:** The entry is well organized. Ideas or thoughts follow another in logical sequence with clear transitions.
- **Content/Style:** A strong, fully developed theme or main idea is established with several supporting details.
- **Mechanics:** Very few minor errors in grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation and sentence structure.
- **Creative Expression:** Creative approach to the writing or idea. The work is original with a strong sense of personal expression of ideas and meaning.
- **Following Portfolio Guidelines:** The entries represent a range of genres. The entry is typed and formatted correctly according to the directions provided.

Middle school applicants must score at least an average score of 6 on their audition AND meet academic requirements to be eligible for this program.

Recommendations for Preparation.

- Visit www.aacps.org/apexarts for more information about Info Sessions, Workshops, applications, and auditions.
- See your school counselor for assistance with the application or for more details about the academic requirements.
- Get feedback on your portfolio pieces from a teacher at your school, ask questions about the prompts if you are unclear about what is being requested.
- Practice for the interview by speaking with various people about your interest in Creative Writing and Apex Arts.
- Contact the Apex Arts Office with any specific questions you may have.
- ***Sí necesita una explicación en español de los requisitos, llame a José al 410 533 4815***