

Application Process

9th grade

Applications

- Found on CATA web site and in the guidance office.
- Applications must be received by May 1, 2012. Mail to the attention of Tammy Tweed.

CATA Admission Criteria

- Admission is based on:
 - ✓ attendance
 - ✓ discipline
 - ✓ students must pass all classes and score a 77 or better in reading and math on their report card
 - ✓ students must score a level III or IV on both Math and Reading NC EOG or EOC tests; alternate assessments are not accepted
 - ✓ students applying to the **Pre-Engineering** academy must score a level IV on the Math NC EOG or EOC test; alternate assessments are not accepted
 - ✓ in case of a NC EOG/EOC retest, it is **the responsibility of the parent/guardian** to notify Mrs. Tweed in the guidance department by June 8th
 - ✓ student and student's parent/guardian must be residents of Union County

Lottery Process

- Students must meet the above requirements to be placed in the CATA lottery.
- The lottery will determine if a child secures a spot in his/her desired academy.
- Students are assigned a random number and the list is sorted based on that number.
- Staff uses that numerical order to place students in academy spots.
- When academy spots for a middle school are met, students are placed in their second choice academy. If their second choice academy spots are full, students are placed on a wait list for their first choice academy.
- The 2012-2013 lottery will be held on June 19th at 9:00 in the CATA auditorium. **Only students that meet the entrance criteria** will go to the lottery. (exception: students who make the Performing Arts academy).
- CATA's Performing Arts academies, Theatre Arts and Dance, require an audition. Students who do not pass their audition will be put into the lottery for his/her second choice academy. Please refer to our web site for audition requirements. Theatre and Dance auditions will be held on Saturday, April 21st or Saturday April 28th at 10:00am. You will need to call our main office at 704-296-3088 to schedule your child's audition.

Notification and acceptance to CATA

- Results of the lottery will be placed on the CATA web site by 5:00 pm on June 19.
- Parents are to check the web site for notification of acceptance. Students will be placed on the web site by their assigned lottery number and name.

- Parents must respond by **email** to Tammy.Tweed@ucps.k12.nc.us with a yes or no to acceptance by June 29th. If CATA does not receive a response by June 29th, we will assume you are **not** accepting your spot to CATA and that spot will be given to another student on the wait list.
- Parents that do not have access to email, may stop by CATA and speak with Ms. Tweed in guidance.

Special instructions for homeschool, private schools, and charter schools

- It is the responsibility of homeschool, private school, and charter school students to provide entrance requirement information. Home schooled students must provide attendance and discipline records from previous public or private school attended. This information will be due no later than June 8, 2012.
- Where North Carolina EOG or EOC scores are not available, an eighth grade **National** Standardized Test results must be submitted; alternate assessments are not accepted.

Note: Students who accept a spot at CATA will be required to sign a one year commitment to Central Academy. *Students will not be able to change their academy while attending Central Academy.

Enrollment Slots per Academy:

Auto Technology- 16
 Biomedical Sciences- 18
 Biotechnology- 18
 Cisco- 18
 Collision- 16
 Dance- 18
 Medical Science- 18
 Software Development & Game Design- 18
 Pre-Engineering- 36
 Theatre Arts- 20
 Teacher Preparation- 18

10th grade transfer process

- Students must submit an application at the end of their 9th grade year.
- Admission Criteria:
 - ✓ attendance
 - ✓ discipline
 - ✓ students must pass all classes and score a 77 or better in English and Math on their report card
 - ✓ students must score a level III or IV on both English and Math NC EOC tests; alternate assessments are not accepted
 - ✓ students applying to the **Pre-Engineering** academy must score a level IV in the Math NC EOC exam; alternate assessments are not accepted
 - ✓ In case of an EOC retest, it is **the responsibility of the parent/guardian** to notify Mrs. Tweed in the guidance department by June 8, 2012.
 - ✓ if NC EOC exam scores are not available, parents must submit a **National** Standardized Test result; alternate assessments are not accepted
 - ✓ student and student's parent/guardian must be residents of Union County

- Students who meet the above entrance requirements will be considered for their academy choice if space is available. Applications are dated upon receiving and are considered in this order.
- Acceptance letters will be mailed out only to the students who can be offered a spot.
- After the available spot has been accepted by the student, it is their responsibility to officially withdraw from their present home high school before CATA can enroll them.

*****Open enrollment is offered only at the beginning of the 9th and 10th grade. No mid-year admission is available. Students who accept a spot will be required to sign a one year commitment to Central Academy. Once students have been accepted to Central Academy, they will not be able to change their academy at any time.

Please mail all (9th and 10th grades) completed applications to: Central Academy of Technology & Arts
Attn: Tammy Tweed
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Monroe, NC 28112