

Rising NINTH GRADE
Admission 2022-2023 Central Academy of Technology & Arts

- **All Applicants must currently be a UCPS student attending a Union County middle school**
- **Application and Lottery Eligibility Qualifications-**
 1. Student currently attends UCPS middle school.
 2. Parent is a current UCPS employee and has completed the UCPS enrollment and transfer processes for the 2022-2023 school year.
 3. Contract on a home in Union County and student has been approved for a Home Construction transfer into Union County Public Schools for the 2022-2023 school year prior to completing this application.
- **Application** –Application must be received during the Application Period via Scribbles at: <https://ucpsncc.scribborder.com/> (see below). All materials requested must be submitted by the appropriate deadline. Late material/application will result in the student being ineligible for the lottery and admission to CATA.
- **Discipline** -Students may not have any long-term suspensions in 7th grade or S1 of 8th grade. Discipline will be reviewed again at the end of 8th grade. If a student fails to meet this criteria their seat at CATA will be rescinded.
- **Course Grades** – Students must have a cumulative average of 75% across core classes at final grades in 7th grade and S1 of 8th grade. Student must not have failed any courses, (core or electives) in 7th grade and S1 in 8th grade. For students applying to the Pre-Engineering Academy you must have a Math grade of 80% or higher at final grades in 7th grade and S1 8th grade. Grades will be reviewed again at the end of 8th grade. If a student fails to meet this criteria their seat at CATA will be rescinded.
- **IB Academy**- Students must have an 80% cumulative average across core classes at final grades in 7th grade and S1 in 8th grade. Student must not have failed any courses, (core or electives) in 7th grade and S1 in 8th grade. Grades will be reviewed again at the end of 8th grade. If a student fails to meet this criteria their seat at CATA will be rescinded.
- **Audition** (for entry into Performing Arts Academies – Theatre and Dance)
Students applying to Theatre Arts and Dance must successfully meet all audition criteria to be considered. **All video auditions must be submitted no later than Friday, March 4th 2022.**
- **Assessment** (for entry into Music Production and Recording Arts)
Students applying to Music Production and Recording Arts must successfully meet all assessment criteria to be considered. **All video assessments must be submitted no later than Friday, March 4th 2022.**

Central Academy of Technology & Arts Application Period

- Applications must be submitted online via Scribbles, the online application system used by Union County Public Schools, opening **Monday, February 7th 2022** and must be submitted by **Sunday, March 6th 2022**. You will receive an email confirmation of your submission. If you do not receive this confirmation, your application was not submitted and you should contact Dr. Stacey Barber, Director of School Assignment, at 704.296.1005 or Stacey.barber@ucps.k12.nc.us.

- The deadline is firm and we are unable to make exceptions due to computer problems, so we strongly recommend that you apply well in advance of the deadline.

Lottery Process

- Students meeting the Central Academy of Technology & Arts Admission Criteria and Application Period deadlines described above will be placed in the CATA lottery. Students not meeting criteria or deadlines will not be eligible to move forward in the lottery/admissions process.
- For the Performing Arts Academies - Theatre Arts, Dance and MPRA - if students are not selected for these academies after auditions, or are placed on waiting lists, the students will be placed into the lottery for their other Academy choice listed on their application if another academy choice was provided
- Each Academy in the lottery has a set number of spots assigned to each UCPS home school cluster.
- The 2022 – 2023 CATA lottery will be held via Scribbles. Only students that meet the entrance criteria will go into the lottery.

Notification and Admittance to Central Academy of Technology & Arts

- For **ALL** Academies - Student/parents will be notified via Scribbles Dashboard on **Monday, March 21st 2022, no earlier than 5:00 pm**
- Parents must confirm or deny their child's seat for CATA by **Thursday, April 14th 2022 no later than 11:59 pm**. Reminders will not be made. If a response is not received, UCPS will treat this as a rejection of the offer, and that spot will be given to another student on the waitlist.
- Students that have been waitlisted will be notified via Scribbles Dashboard if the student moves off the waitlist and is offered an available seat.
- **Admission is only offered at the beginning of the 9th and 10th grade. No mid-year admission is available.**
- **Students who accept a spot at CATA will be required to have their parents sign a one year agreement to Central Academy of Technology & Arts.**
- **Students will not be able to change their academy while attending Central Academy of Technology & Arts.**

Performing Arts Academies - Students must participate in an audition for Theatre and Dance. Students must participate in an assessment for MPRA. Students not completing the audition or assessment (see requirements below) will have that Academy selection removed from their application. This must be done prior to Friday, March 4th 2022. It is the responsibility of the parent/student to upload audition or assessment materials. Failure to upload an audition or assessment video will result in removal from the application process.

Theatre Arts, Dance and MPRA: Audition/Assessment Based Selection

- Meet all general Central Academy of Technology & Arts Admission Criteria
- Participate in required Audition or Assessment
- Students will be recommended for admission based on Instructor Scoring of Audition or Assessment

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- Students meeting criteria, but not recommended for initial admission may also be placed on wait list
- Students not meeting Audition/Assessment criteria or placed on a wait list, will be entered into the lottery if they identified an additional Academy selection