

Arts, Audio/Visual Technology, and Communications

Cluster Definition

- Do you like to perform in front of an audience?
- Are you interested in working in the movies or television?
- Do you like to work with technology?
- Is artistic expression important to you?
- Are you active with the school or community theatre?
- Does computer animation interest you?
- Are you visually oriented?

If you answered yes to two or more of the questions above, you might be interested in considering a career in arts, audio/video technology, and communications.

If you are interested in working in the Arts, Audio/Visual Technology, and Communications cluster, you have two avenues. One is to be the performer or artist. The other is to work behind the scenes to make the performance or publication happen. As a reporter, actor, or fine artist, you would use your creative talents. To assure that a concert or magazine is successful, you would use computers and sound equipment. The occupations in this cluster allow you to use your creativity, talent, and technical skills.



Related High School Electives

Art
CAD Design
Chorus
Composition
Computer Graphics
Computer Programming
Computer Science
Concert and Marching Band
Construction
Dance

Drawing and Painting
Electricity
Electronics
General Computer Applications
Graphic Arts
Journalism
Literature
Mass Media
Music

Photography
Public Speaking
Sculpture
Technical Writing
Theater

[Actors](#)
[Agents/Business Managers](#)
[Animators/Multi-Media Artists](#)
[Announcers](#)
[Archivists](#)
[Art Directors](#)
[Bookbinders/Bindery Workers](#)
[Broadcast Technicians](#)
[Camera Equipment Repairers](#)
[Camera Operators](#)
[Cartoonists](#)
[Choreographers](#)
[Communications Equipment Mechanics](#)
[Costume/Wardrobe Specialists](#)
[Curators](#)
[Dancers](#)
[Editors](#)
[Fashion Designers](#)
[Film and Video Editors](#)
[Fine Artists](#)
[Graphic Designers](#)
[Industrial Designers](#)
[Movie Projectionists](#)
[Museum Technicians and Conservators](#)
[Music Composers/Directors](#)
[Musical Instrument Repairers](#)
[Musicians](#)
[News Reporters](#)
[Page Layout Workers](#)
[Photograph Processing Workers](#)
[Photographers](#)
[Potters](#)
[Prepress Workers](#)
[Printing Press Operators](#)
[Producers and Directors](#)
[Professional Bloggers and Podcasters](#)
[Proofreaders](#)
[Set and Exhibit Designers](#)
[Singers](#)
[Sketch Artists](#)
[Sound Engineering Technicians](#)
[Technical Writers](#)
[Telephone Operators](#)
[Ushers and Ticket Takers](#)
[Video Game Designers](#)
[Video Game Testers](#)
[Writers](#)

Level of Education and Earnings

Short-Term On-the-Job Training (Less than One Month)

	State Annual Median Wage		State Annual Median Wage
Bookbinders and Bindery Workers	\$26,892 - \$31,459	Professional Bloggers/Podcasters	No state data
Costume and Wardrobe Specialists	\$38,687	Proofreaders	\$34,785
Movie Projectionists	\$22,454	Telephone Operators	\$25,609
Photograph Processing Workers	\$24,662 - \$28,775	Ushers and Ticket Takers	\$21,995

Moderate-Term On-the-Job Training (One to Twelve Months)

Bookbinders and Bindery Workers	\$26,892 - \$31,459	Potters	\$25,329
Camera Equipment Repairers	\$42,663	Printing Press Operators	\$37,831 - \$38,149
Photograph Processing Workers	\$24,662 - \$28,775	Video Game Testers	No state data

Long-Term On-the-Job Training (Over One Year)

Actors	No state data	Musical Instrument Repairers	\$45,351
Announcers	\$39,689	Musicians	No state data
Communications Equip. Mechanic	\$60,394 - \$62,292	Photographers	\$29,976
Dancers	No state data	Printing Press Operators	\$37,831 - \$38,149
Fine Artists	\$44,211	Singers	No state data

Work Experience in a Related Occupation

Choreographers	\$50,941	Video Game Designers	No state data
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Postsecondary Vocational Training (Certificate or Diploma)

Camera Operators	\$57,134	Page Layout Workers	\$42,261
Cartoonists	No state data	Prepress Workers	\$40,846
Communications Equipment Mechanics	\$60,394 - \$62,292	Sketch Artists	No state data
		Sound Engineering Technicians	\$54,601

Associate Degree

Broadcast Technicians	\$34,418	Fashion Designers	\$60,414
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Bachelor's Degree

Animators & Multi-Media Artists	\$60,998	Museum Technicians/Conservators	\$36,506
Editors	\$60,748	News Reporters	\$40,030
Film and Video Editors	\$38,956	Set and Exhibit Designers	\$50,084
Graphic Designers	\$46,175	Technical Writers	\$75,829
Industrial Designers	\$63,695	Writers	\$59,738

Work Experience Plus a Bachelors or Higher Degree

Agents and Business Managers	No state data	News Reporters	\$73,658
Art Directors	\$81,173	Producers and Directors	\$57,158
Music Composers/Directors	\$56,329		

Master's Degree

Archivists	\$43,836	Curators	\$50,899
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