

# Community Engagement Opportunities at The Catamount School!



*Calling all artists! We invite you to share your passion and skills to inspire Jackson County youth in the arts!*

## What is The Catamount School?

Operated by Western Carolina University in partnership with Jackson County Public Schools, The Catamount School is a lab school for 6th, 7th and 8th graders designed to explore innovative teaching approaches and applied learning opportunities in order to help every student discover his or her full academic potential. The Catamount School is located on the campus of Smoky Mountain High School in Sylva.

## What is the TCS Enrichment Program?

By accessing resources, students, and personnel at Western Carolina University, community organizations, and local professionals, students will have access to regular music and arts activities, leadership experiences, and mentorship from experts in a variety of fields. These enrichment activities will encourage students to learn more about themselves and others, as well as contribute to the school community.

**Enrichment is from 2:00-3:00pm, Monday-Friday, for all three grade levels.**

## What do we look for in volunteers?

Volunteers are invited to lead one-time workshops or more regularly scheduled lessons in their area of study and/or interest. Enrichment activities should *engage* students as active learners, and encourage critical thinking, problem solving, creativity, and teamwork. Volunteers, whether on campus once or all semester, act as mentors and role models for these young people, and provide an invaluable experience to TCS students.

Volunteers will facilitate activities under the supervision of Catamount School Faculty and Staff at all times.

All volunteers must complete a WCU background check, complete a volunteer application, and sign the TCS Volunteer agreement.

## What's next?

**Contact TCS Enrichment Coordinator, Katy Elders, at [klelders@email.wcu.edu](mailto:klelders@email.wcu.edu) or 828-399-1930. Flexible scheduling and programming!**