

LLVS Summer Academy 2026

ELECTIVE/ENRICHMENT COURSE CATALOG

Lancaster-Lebanon Virtual Solutions (LLVS) offers a variety of summer enrichment and remediation courses for students in grades 3-12. **Explore Elective and Enrichment offerings here!**

Enrichment Courses	Description	Recommended Grade Level
3D Modeling 1a: Introduction	Are you interested in a career in technology? Are you curious about working in fields like virtual reality, video game design, marketing, television and motion pictures, or digital imaging? If so, this course in 3D Modeling is a great place to start as it is the foundation for all these career paths. Gain a deeper understanding of graphic design and illustration as you use 3D animation software to create virtual three-dimensional design projects. Hone in on your drawing, photography, and 3D construction techniques and develop the skills needed to navigate within a 3D digital modeling workspace. This course is an excellent introduction to careers in the fast-growing field of technology and design.	HS
Advertising and Sales Promotion	What comes to mind when you think of 'marketing'? Perhaps a familiar television jingle plays in your head? Or maybe you think of those irritating sales phone calls? There's no denying the sheer magnitude and power of the marketing industry. Every year companies spend approximately \$200 billion promoting their products and services—and that's just in the United States alone! You may be familiar with being on the receiving end marketing, but what's it like on the other side? In Advertising and Sales Promotions, you'll see how these marketing campaigns, ads, and commercials are brought to life and meet some of the creative folks who produce them. You'll learn about different marketing career opportunities and discover ways to be part of this exciting, fast-paced industry.	HS
Agriscience 1: Introduction	How can we make our food more nutritious? Can plants really communicate with each other? These are just two of the questions tackled in Agriscience 1: Introduction. From studying the secrets in corn roots to examining how to increase our food supply, this course examines how agri scientists are at the forefront of improving agriculture, food production, and the conservation of natural resources. In Agriscience 1: Introduction, you'll learn about the innovative ways that science and technology are put to beneficial use in the field of agriculture. You'll also learn more about some of the controversies that surround agricultural practices as nations strive to provide their people with a more abundant and healthy food supply.	HS

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Agriscience 2a: Introduction	Students will explore the importance of agriscience from learning about its history and contribution to human civilization to how to grow plants and design garden spaces. Starting with the impact of agriscience on human culture, the course then delves into managing seed stock, quality, and storage. In addition, learners will discover how plants function, the role of animals, and the use of chemicals. Special attention is paid to safety, promoting a healthy environment, and designing for sustainability.	HS
American Sign Language 1a: Introduction	Did you know that American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most commonly used language in North America? American Sign Language 1a: Introduction will introduce you to vocabulary and simple sentences, so that you can start communicating right away. Importantly, you will explore Deaf culture – social beliefs, traditions, history, values and communities influenced by deafness.	HS
American Sign Language 2a: Communicating	Building upon the prior prerequisite course, emphasis in this course is placed upon comprehension and signing. Learners will also continue to establish their communication skills and foster their understanding of deaf culture. In addition to learning classifiers, glossing, and mouth morphemes, students will explore vocabulary for descriptions, directions, shopping, making purchases, and dealing with emergencies.	HS
Animation 1a: Introduction	Do you wonder what it would be like to create the next blockbuster animated movie or do you want to make the next big video game? Do you have an eye for drawing, technology, and timing? If so, Animation is the course for you! You will learn how to use animation tools to conceptualize and bring your creations to life. You'll learn the ins and outs of creating 2D and 3D animation, from start to finish. You'll even begin working on our own design portfolio and get hands on experience with creating your own animation projects. Learning about Animation could lead to a thriving career in the growing world of technology and animation.	HS
Anthropology 1: Uncovering Human Mysteries	What makes us human? Is it our ability to use language? Is it our abstract thinking skills or our use of tools and technology? In Anthropology 1: Uncovering Human Mysteries you will trace the history of homo sapiens and explore our evolutionary trail. This course offers an anthropological lens to observe our movement from cave dweller to modern human. It sheds light on how we forged our way and developed all of the things that make us human, such as our cultures, languages, and religions. We, as humans in the 21st century, are highly intelligent, innovative people with astounding technological ability—how did we get this way?	HS

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Anthropology 2: More Human Mysteries Uncovered	How does your culture influence you? Find out how different locations shape various cultures and, in turn, how these cultures shape people's lives around the world—from the jungles of the Amazon to the islands of Indonesia. Anthropology 2: More Human Mysteries Uncovered provides a fascinating look at this puzzle of culture. Many of our ancient cultures and languages were shaped by the geographical locations of our ancestors, and in this course, you will begin to visualize new ideas about how ancient cultures flourished through examining their views on life, death, art, and survival. In looking back and learning about cultures through the ages, we are better equipped to understand the world around us today.	HS
Archaeology: Detectives of the Past	The famous Spanish philosopher and writer George Santayana once said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." We know from studying history how true this statement is, and the age-old field of archaeology helps us to better understand, through discovery and analysis, how ancient civilizations have shaped the modern world. This fascinating course, Archaeology: Detectives of the Past, explores the various techniques, methods, and theories of this field and illustrates how archaeologists conduct their studies. What is it like to uncover precious artifacts? How are they located and preserved? Find the answer to these questions and more as you learn how ancient discoveries can unlock the secrets of a long and colorful past.	HS
Business Information Management 1a: Introduction	Students will build their career skills and strengthen their knowledge of business information management by exploring types of businesses and the elements of business planning. Learning about the initial requirements to start a business, students will then examine business finances, marketing, sales, and the importance of customer service. Computer hardware, networks, and the internet are discussed as well as the basics of web design. Lastly students will explore ethics and business law, giving each learner an opportunity to discover their passion for business.	HS
Careers in Criminal Justice 1a Introduction	Most of us have watched a sensationalized crime show at one time or another, but do we really know how things work behind those dreaded prison bars? Do we really understand all the many factors in our justice proceedings? The criminal justice system is a very complex field that requires many seriously dedicated people who are willing to pursue equal justice for all. The Careers in Criminal Justice course illuminates what those different career choices are and how the juvenile justice system, the correctional system, and the trial process all work together to maintain social order. Find out more about what really happens when the television show ends and reality begins.	HS

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Coding 1a: Introduction to Programming	Have you ever wanted to create your own web page or wondered how your favorite websites were built? Maybe you want to know more about how computers and technology are affecting the world around us. In Coding 1a: Introduction to Programming, you will explore the role technology plays in our lives as well as study the fundamentals of computer science, review hardware and software, and learn how the internet functions. You will also discover how to create and build your own website using HTML and CSS and learn basic and complex commands and sequences as you become familiar with programming languages like JavaScript and Python Programming. This course also covers data collection methods, access rights, protocols, and security.	HS
Concepts of Engineering and Technology	What if you could do the impossible? Engineers understand a lot of things, but the word impossible definitely isn't one of them. Through Concepts of Engineering and Technology, you'll learn how the momentum of science is continually propelling engineers in new directions towards a future full of insight and opportunity. This course explores the different branches of engineering and how problem-solving, sketching, collaboration, and experimentation can change the very fiber of our human lives. This ever-increasing knowledge can also lead to serious ethical dilemmas and the need to discuss where the boundaries of science lie (or even if there should be boundaries). By examining astounding engineering feats and complex ongoing issues, you, too, will begin to question whether the word impossible really exists.	HS
Cosmetology 1a: Introduction	We all want to look our best, but did you know there is actually a science behind cutting your hair and painting your nails? In Cosmetology 1: Cutting Edge Styles, you will learn all about this often entertaining field and how specialized equipment and technology are propelling our grooming into the next century. Just like all careers, cosmetology requires certain skills and characteristics, all of which are thoroughly explored in this course. You will learn about various beauty regimes related to hair, nails, skin, and spa treatments, and discover how to create your own business model quickly and efficiently while still looking fabulous, of course!	HS
Cosmetology 2a: Introduction	Cosmetology is a specialized field with a high skill set. Students taking this course will be exposed to the complexities of cosmetology by learning to perform a hair, scalp, and skin analysis. Students will also learn about hair types, face shapes, and color theory. Finally, to effectively prepare students for a career in cosmetology, color techniques with an emphasis on salon and chemical safety is examined.	HS

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Cosmetology 3a: Introduction to Hair Skills	<p>Cosmetology is a specialized field with a high skill set. Students taking this course will be exposed to the complexities of cosmetology by learning to perform a hair, scalp, and skin analysis. Students will also learn about hair types, face shapes, and color theory. Finally, to effectively prepare students for a career in cosmetology, color techniques with an emphasis on salon and chemical safety is examined.</p>	HS
Criminology: Inside the Criminal Mind	<p>Understanding the criminal mind is not easy. Why do certain people commit horrible acts? Can we ever begin to understand their reasoning and motivation? Perhaps. In Criminology: Inside the Criminal Mind, you will be given the rare opportunity to climb inside the mind of a criminal and examine the ideas and motivations at work. The mental state of a criminal can be affected by many different aspects of life—psychological, biological, sociological—all of which have differing perspectives and influences. You will investigate not only how these variables affect the criminal mind but also how the criminal justice system remains committed to upholding the law through diligence and an uncompromising process.</p>	HS
Culinary Arts 1a: Introduction	<p>Food, glorious food! It both nourishes and satisfies us, and it brings people together through preparation, enjoyment, and celebration. If you've ever wanted to learn more about cuisine and how your creativity and appreciation can be expressed by preparing food, Culinary Arts 1a: Introduction is perfect for you. Learn about the history and development of the food service industry, the basics of nutrition and different dietary needs, and laws and regulations governing food service. You will also develop fundamental culinary arts skills, including how to read and follow recipes, understand weight and measurements used in the food service industry, and how to be safe and sanitary in the kitchen.</p>	HS
Culinary Arts 2a: Introduction	<p>Building on the prior prerequisite course, students will move beyond baking to examine the role of nutrients in food choice, dietary restrictions, as well as conservation and sustainability practices in the food service industry. In addition, protein cooking techniques, taste combinations, and sensory perceptions of foods will be analyzed. Students will learn to prepare meals from a global perspective and dissect the business of cooking, from managing a kitchen to successfully running a catering company.</p>	HS

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Cybersecurity 1a: Foundations	<p>Ever wonder what it's like to be a hacker? Or think about who is trying to steal your passwords while you're shopping online using the free WIFI at your local coffee shop? Can someone be watching your personal, private information? Can anything be kept "secret" online? We depend more and more on the technologies we interact with every day. This creates the need for increased system and network security measures. And, it means we all need to know more about how to protect valuable and vulnerable information. This course introduces you to the tools, technologies, and methods needed to protect online information and addresses how these issues are impacting safety and rights on a global and personal level. Learn what exciting career possibilities await you in the new and high-demand field of cybersecurity.</p>	HS
Digital Photography 1a: Introduction	<p>Have you ever wondered how professional photographers manage to take such great pictures? Have you tried to take photographs and wondered why they didn't seem to capture that moment that you saw with your eyes? Digital Photography 1a: Introduction will answer these questions and more, and help you gain a better understanding of photography. You'll learn the basics of photography and camera functions, including aperture, shutter speed, natural vs. artificial lighting, and elements of composition. You will also explore how an image is created as well as study the history of photography and advances in camera technology over the last several centuries.</p>	HS
Digital Photography 2: Discovering your Creative Potential	<p>In today's world, we are surrounded by images. We are continually seeing photographs as they appear in advertisements, on websites, in magazines, and on billboards; they even adorn our walls at home. While many of these images have been created by professional photographers, it is possible for your photos to take on a more professional look after you discover how to increase your creative potential. In Digital Photography 2: Discovering Your Creative Potential, you will examine various aspects of the field including specialty areas, ethics, and famous photographers throughout history. You will also learn how to effectively critique photographs so you can better understand composition and go on to create more eye-catching photographs on your own.</p>	HS

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Early Childhood Education 1a: Introduction	As children, we see the world differently than we do as teenagers and adults. It is a world full of magical creatures and strange, exciting things. In Early Childhood Education 1a: Introduction, you'll learn how you can have an impact on the most important years of human development. Explore child-care roles and responsibilities and discover why early childhood education matters. You'll learn the rules and regulations of child-care facilities, how to maintain a safe, clean, and healthy environment, and understand how to plan meals and menus for children. You will also study the various stages of early childhood development, including physical, cognitive, language, and social growth and how to recognize developmental milestones and delays.	HS
Elem. Keyboarding	The keyboarding course is appropriate for elementary and middle school students. The curriculum introduces new keys by rows where students first learn the middle row, then the top row and the bottom row of the keyboard. The content is designed with a strong focus on sight and high frequency words. This course assumes no keyboarding experience and will guide them through the keyboard.	ES
Elem. Scratch Coding	Scratch is a program developed by MIT teaching students the basics on how computers think! This program will introduce students to real coding programs and allow them to drag and drop coding blocks creating a fully functional program. The simple user interface and tutorials allow students to quickly create and run their code to see its results! This course assumes no prior computer coding knowledge and includes self-graded multiple-choice tests and quizzes.	ES
Entrepreneurship 1a: Starting Your Business	What does it really take to own your own business? Does the sound of being your own boss make you feel excited or anxious? Either way, Entrepreneurship: Starting Your Business will get you started in the right direction. This course explains the ins and outs of such an enterprise, giving you the confidence needed to be your very own boss. You will discover what is needed to operate a personal business from creating a plan, generating financing, and pricing products to marketing services and managing employees. If you've ever dreamed of being a true entrepreneur but feel daunted by the prospect, this is your chance to learn all you need to know.	HS
Excel: Office Fundamentals Series	Discover the real world uses of Microsoft Excel and its impact upon business, academic, and personal applications. Move from inserting and manipulating data, to working with tables, charts, graphs, and calculations. Content of this course will also be applicable to the Microsoft Office Suite certification exam.	HS

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Fashion and Interior Design 1a:Introduction	Do you have a flair for fashion? Are you constantly looking for new ways to decorate or design your room? If so, Fashion and Interior Design is the course for you. Explore the world of design and begin to understand the background and knowledge needed to develop a career in this exciting field. Try your hand at designing through a project-based process, learning how color, composition, and texture can all affect great aesthetics. You'll develop the essential communications skills necessary to build a successful business and begin to develop the kind of portfolio that will lead to future career opportunities. Perhaps it's time to get your stylish foot in the door?	HS
Forestry and Natural Resources	Whether you are a treehugger or not, everyone loves the beauty and serenity of a healthy forest. Our precious woodland species not only supply us with aesthetic beauty but also play a valuable role in nature. Trees uphold a great deal of our wildlife ecosystem while providing us humans with needed lumber, paper products, and even food. But these forests cannot protect themselves and depend greatly on humans for conservation. In Introduction to Forestry and Natural Resources, you will learn more about this meaningful relationship and how environmental policy, land use, water resources, and wildlife management all factor into current forestry issues. After better understanding these variables and how they affect the majesty of our forests, you may just be hugging these gentle giants after all.	HS
Foundations of Game Design 1a: Introduction	Does your love of video games motivate you to pursue a career in this field? Pursue your passion by learning about the principles of game design through the stages of development, iterative process, critiques, and game development tools. Put these new skills to work by designing your own game!	HS
Game Design 1a: Introduction	Are you a gamer? Do you enjoy playing video games or coding? Does the idea of creating and designing your own virtual world excite you? If so, this is the course for you! Tap into your creative and technical skills as you learn about the many aspects involved with designing video games. You will learn about video game software and hardware, various gaming platforms, necessary technical skills, troubleshooting and internet safety techniques, and even the history of gaming. And to top it all off, you'll even have the opportunity to create your very own plan for a 2D video game! Turn your hobby into a potential career and go from simply being a player in a virtual world to actually creating one!	HS

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Gothic Literature: Monster Stories	Vampires, ghosts, and werewolves have lived in our collective imagination since the 18th century, and they continue to influence the world of fiction even today. Gothic Literature: Monster Stories focuses on the major themes found in Gothic literature and demonstrates the techniques writers use to produce a thrilling psychological experience for the reader. The themes of terror versus horror, the power of the supernatural, and the struggle between good and evil are just a few of the classic Gothic subjects explored in this course. Are you brave enough to go beyond the fear and find an appreciation for the dark beauty of Gothic stories?	HS
Great Minds in Science 1a: Introduction	Sometimes there are simply more questions than answers. Does life exist on other planets? How extreme is the human ability to survive? Will the issue of global warming ever be solved? Today, scientists, explorers, and writers are working to answer such questions by using extensive inquiry to find innovative solutions. Similar to such famous minds from history as Edison, Einstein, Curie, and Newton, the scientists of today are finding ways to revolutionize our lives and the world. Great Minds in Science: Ideas for a New Generation takes an in-depth look at the extraordinary work of these individuals and demonstrates how their ideas may very well shape the world of tomorrow.	HS
Hospitality and Tourism 2a: Hotel and Restaurant Management	If you love working with people, a future in hospitality may be for you. In Part 1 of Hospitality and Tourism 2a: Hotel and Restaurant Management, you will learn about what makes the hotel and restaurant industries unique. Learn about large and small restaurants, boutique and resort hotels, and their day-to-day operations. Evaluate the environment for these businesses by examining their customers and their competition. As well, you will discover trends and technological advances that makes each industry exciting and innovative. In Part 1, you can explore a variety of interesting job options from Front Desk and Concierge services to Maître d and food service.	HS
Hospitality and Tourism Traveling the Globe	Think about the best travel location you've ever heard about. Now imagine working there. In the 21st century, travel is more exciting than ever, with people traversing the globe in growing numbers. Hospitality and Tourism 1: Traveling the Globe will introduce you to a thriving industry that caters to the needs of travelers through managing hotels, restaurants, cruise ships, resorts, theme parks, and any other kind of hospitality you can imagine. Operating busy tourist locations, creating marketing around the world of leisure and travel, spotting trends, and planning tasteful events are just a few of the key aspects you will explore in this course as you locate your own career niche in this exciting field.	HS

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Human and Social Services 1a: Introduction	Those working in the field of social services are dedicated to strengthening the economic and social well being of others and helping them lead safe and independent lives. In Human and Social Services 1, you will explore the process of helping, body, mind, and family wellness, and how you can become a caring social service professional. If you are interested in an emotionally fulfilling and rewarding career and making a difference in the lives of others, social and human services may be the right field for you.	HS
International Business: Global Commerce in the 21st Century	Modern humans have been roaming the earth for about 200,000 years. How do the places we live influence the way we live? How do geography, weather, and location relate to our customs and lifestyles? In Human Geography: Our Global Identity, you will explore the diverse ways that different people have physically influenced the world around them and how they, in turn, are changed by their surroundings. Discover how beliefs and ideas spread through time, shaping and changing the cultures they encounter. In this course, you'll gain tremendous insight into human geography and begin to better understand the important relationship between humans and their environments.	HS
Introduction to Philosophy: The Big Picture	Go on an exciting adventure covering over 2,500 years of history! Along the way, you'll run into some very strange characters, like the dirty barefoot man who hung out on street corners pestering everyone with questions, or that eccentric fellow who climbed inside a stove to think about whether he existed. Despite their odd behavior, these and other philosophers of the Western world are among the world's most brilliant and influential thinkers and originated the fundamental ideas of Western civilization. Philosophy: The Big Picture asks some of the same questions these great thinkers pondered, so by the time you've "closed the book" on this course, you will better understand yourself and the world around you—from atoms to outer space and everything in between.	HS
Journalism 1a: Introduction	Are you a storyteller at heart? Are you always the first one to know what's going on at school or in your town and excited to share the latest breaking news? If so, you are the kind of person every online, print, and broadcast news outlet is searching, and Journalism 1a: Introduction is the perfect course for you! Explore the history of journalism and see how social media and the digital world has changed the way news media operates. Learn the basics of press law as well as the code of ethics journalists should follow. Finally, understand how to make your writing and speaking more powerful, and discover the importance of pictures and images when telling a story.	HS

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Law and Order: Introduction to Legal Studies	Imagine if there were no laws and people could do anything they wanted. It's safe to say the world would be a pretty chaotic place! Every society needs some form of regulation to ensure peace in our daily lives and in the broader areas of business, family disputes, traffic violations, and the protection of children. Laws are essential to preserving our way of life and must be established and upheld in everyone's best interest. In Law and Order: Introduction to Legal Studies, you'll delve deeper into the importance of laws and consider how their application affects us as individuals and communities. Through understanding the court system and how laws are actually enacted, you will learn to appreciate the larger legal process and how it safeguards us all.	HS
Learning in a Digital World: Digital Citizenship	The digital world seems to change every day, and touch more of our lives. We use technology to communicate with friends and family, find neverending entertainment options, follow our favorite sports teams and fashion trends, and do our school work. In Learning in a Digital World you will get the tools to navigate this exciting and always changing world. Learn about real-world issues and how to solve real-world problems through interactive and hands-on assignments. Discover what it means to be a responsible digital citizen, expand your digital literacy, and become a successful online student. Consider the best ways to find, create, and share information, learn to maximize information and communication technologies, and explore digital content creation, from emails and blogs to social media, videos, and podcasts.	HS
Life Skills 1a: Introduction	What do you want out of life? How do you achieve your dreams for the future? These can be difficult questions to answer, but with the right tools, they don't have to be. This course will encourage you to learn more about yourself and help you to prepare for the future. You will explore goal setting, decision making, and surviving college and career. You will also discover how to become a valuable contributing member of society. Now is the time to take action. It's your life, make it count!	HS

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Manufacturing 1a: Introduction	Think about the last time you visited your favorite store. Now picture the infinite number of products you saw. Have you ever wondered how those things made it to the shelves? Whether it's video games, clothing, or sports equipment, the goods we purchase must go through a manufacturing process before they can be marketed and sold. In Introduction to Manufacturing: Product Design and Innovation, you will learn about different types of manufacturing systems as well as career opportunities, including engineers, technicians, and supervisors. As a culminating project, you will plan your own manufacturing process and create an entirely original product! If you thought manufacturing meant mundane assembly lines, this course will show you how exciting, creative, and practical this industry can be.	HS
Marketing Foundations 1a: Introduction	Introduce your students to the fast-paced and exciting world of marketing! Students will learn about the role of marketing in business in addition to the basics of business management, customer service, and economics. Furthermore, students will examine how to identify target markets, perform market research, and develop successful marketing strategies. Finally, the legal and ethical considerations of business and marketing are discussed along with the impact of government on business.	HS
Medical Terminology 1a: Introduction	Learning the language is essential for careers in health science. Join word parts to form medical terms, associations within body systems, and better communicate with colleagues and patients. Build your proficiency and confidence with this course and prepare yourself for a career in health sciences.	HS
Middle School Career Exploration 1a: Introduction	How many times have you heard, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" When you close your eyes and picture yourself in the future, what do you see? Police officer? Doctor? Farmer? Pilot? Teacher? Really, the possibilities are endless. And with so many careers to pick from, it can be confusing knowing where to start your search. In Middle School Career Exploration 1, you will have the chance to explore more than 15 different career areas including energy fields, human resources, the law, transportation, and more. Discover which careers you might enjoy the most and which ones you'll be best at!	MS

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Middle School Career Exploration 2	Imagine that it's 20 years from now. What career do you see yourself in? What do you imagine that you'll be doing? Will you be fighting forest fires or engineering the next rocket into space? With all the careers available, it can be difficult to narrow them down. In Middle School Career Exploration 2 we'll explore more careers and see what it takes to succeed. You'll learn more about what steps are needed to prepare for your career and how to compare the pros and cons of different career choices. Finally, you'll get the chance to try out parts of different careers to see if you're a perfect fit!	MS
Middle School Coding 1a: Introduction	Do you find yourself wondering how your favorite apps, websites, and games were made? Maybe you want to try building your own. Well, now you can! In Middle School Coding 1a, you will learn all about the technology you use in your day-to-day life as well as explore how the internet functions. Get an introduction to the basics of computer science and discover how to create and build your very own website using HTML and CSS. You'll also become familiar with programming languages like JavaScript and Python Programming. You will leave the course with your very own portfolio of work that will showcase your skills and all that you've created.	MS
Middle School Digital Art and Design 1a: Introduction	Building on the prior prerequisite course, students will be required to discern various types of animation, understand the use of sound and music as art, and the role of art in politics and society. Once completed, the successful student will develop his or her own digital art to start building a portfolio.	MS
Middle School Game Design 1a: Introduction	We all love to play video games – but have you ever wanted to build your own? If you are interested in a career in technology but also want a creative outlet, Game Design might be the field for you. Learn how to build a game from the ground up in Middle School Game Design 1, an interactive and hands-on course that will teach you all the ins and outs of making your own game. You will learn the importance of game structure and discover what makes a game fun, challenging, and interesting to players just like you. You will also have the opportunity to explore the design and creative process involved in game creation, learn block-based programs, and experiment with character and story development. As a bonus, you will leave the course with a digital portfolio of everything you created in class.	MS

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Middle School Journalism 1a: Introduction	Are you someone who likes to get the story straight? Do you always want to know more? Who? What? When? Where? Why? How? Journalism provides us with the answers to these questions. The skill of a true journalist is knowing how to find these key facts and being able to write them up in a way that makes it easy for others to read. In Middle School Journalism 1a: Introduction, you'll learn the elements of a good news story, how to gather credible information, and how to organize that information into a newsworthy article that others will want to read.	MS
Middle School Photography 1a: Introduction	What do you think makes a photograph great? Do you want to take fun, interesting photographs of people, places, and pets to post for your friends or hang on your wall? Photo images are everywhere today. Sometimes we see hundreds in one day. But it's obvious that not all photographs are the same. In Middle School Photography 1a: Introduction, you'll learn how to take those excellent, jaw-dropping photographs that you see in magazines and on your favorite social media sites. Learn the basics of using a camera, the elements of composition, and how to avoid common photography mistakes.	MS
Military Careers: Introduction	Most of us have seen a war movie; maybe it had a hotshot aviator or a renegade private or a daring Special Forces operative. But outside of these sensationalized portrayals, do you really understand how the military works or what it can do for you? The military offers far more career diversity than most people imagine, and Introduction to Military Careers will provide the information you need to gain a broader understanding of how to find the right fit. You will learn about the five military branches—Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines Corps, and Navy—and examine which jobs you might like to pursue. From aviation, to medicine, to law enforcement, the military can be an outstanding place to achieve your dreams in a supportive and well-structured environment.	HS
Mythology and Folklore: Legendary Tales	Since the beginning of time, people have gathered around fires to tell stories of angry gods, harrowing journeys, cunning animals, horrible beasts, and the mighty heroes who vanquished them. Mythology and folklore have provided a way for these colorful stories to spring to life for thousands of years. Mythology and Folklore: Legendary Tales will illustrate how these famous anecdotes have helped humans make sense of the world. Beginning with an overview of mythology and different types of folklore, you will journey with age-old heroes as they slay dragons, outwit gods, defy fate, fight endless battles, and outwit clever monsters with strength and courage. You'll explore the universality and social significance of myths and folklore and see how these powerful tales continue to shape society even today.	HS

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National Security: Diplomacy, Intelligence, Defense	Do you know what it takes to keep an entire nation safe? It not only requires knowledge of how to handle disasters, but it also demands a cool head and tremendous leadership abilities. In National Security, you will have the opportunity to learn about the critical elements of the job, such as evaluating satellite information, analyzing training procedures, assessing military engagement, preparing intelligence reports, coordinating information with other security agencies, and applying appropriate actions to various threats. Put yourself in the position of the country's decisive leaders and develop your own knowledge base and skill set necessary to meet the requirements of our nation's most demanding career.	HS
Nursing 1a: Introduction to Nursing	Nursing is an in-demand career, perfect for someone looking for a rewarding and challenging vocation in the healthcare sector. With a strong focus on patient care, a nurse must be skilled in communication, promoting wellness, and understanding safety in the workplace. You will: explore communication and ethics, anatomy and physiology, and the practice of nursing. Learn how to build relationships with individuals, families, and communities and how to develop wellness strategies for your patients. From emergency to rehabilitative care to advances and challenges in the healthcare industry, discover how you can launch a fulfilling career providing care to others.	HS
Nutrition and Wellness 1a: Introduction	Have you ever heard the phrase "your body is your temple" and wondered what it means? Keeping our physical body healthy and happy is just one of the many challenges we face, and yet, many of us don't know how to best achieve it. Positive decisions around diet and food preparation are key to this process, and you will find the essential skills needed to pursue a healthy, informed lifestyle in Nutrition and Wellness. Making sure you know how to locate, buy, and prepare fresh delicious food will make you, and your body, feel amazing. Impressing your friends and family as you nourish them with your knowledge? That feels even better!	HS
Outlook: Office Fundamentals Series	Master your email and learn about Outlook's functions to produce professional communications, helping you to succeed in business and in life. Understand effective communication techniques, working with attachments, formatting, replying, and organizing. Be prepared for your day with other features such as calendars, contacts, and tasks. Content of this course will also be applicable to the Microsoft Office Suite certification exam.	HS

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Peer Counseling	Are you the person that people come to for advice? Does it seem that your friends always talk to you about their problems? If so, Peer Counseling may be the perfect course for you. It offers ways for you to explore this valuable skill and better understand how it can make a difference in the lives of others. Helping people achieve their personal goals is one of life's most rewarding experiences, and Peer Counseling will show you the way to provide support, encouragement, and resource information. Learn how to observe others as a Peer Counselor as you carefully listen and offer constructive, empathic communication while enhancing your own communication skills.	HS
Personal and Family Finance 1a: Introduction	We all know money is important in life. But how important? In fact, the financial decisions you make today may have a lasting effect on your future. Rather than feeling anxious about money feel empowered by learning how to make smart decisions! Personal and Family Finance will begin the conversation around how to spend and save your money wisely, investing in safe opportunities and the days ahead. Learning key financial concepts around taxes, credit, and money management will provide both understanding and confidence as you begin to navigate your own route to future security. Discover how education, career choices, and financial planning can lead you in the right direction to making your life simpler, steadier, and more enjoyable.	HS
Personal Fitness	What does being fit really mean? Is it just based on physical appearance or is it something deeper? Though we strive to be healthy and make sensible choices, it's difficult to know how to achieve this. It's not only about losing weight or lifting a heavy barbell; in Personal Fitness you will learn about body functions, safety, diet, goals, and strategies for longevity. Human beings, in both body and mind, are complex and highly sensitive organisms that need the right attention to physically excel and feel great. Being fit is about living life to the fullest and making the most of what you have—yourself! Explore the world of healthy living and see how real fitness can be achieved through intention, effort, and just the right amount of knowledge.	HS

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Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources 1a: Introduction	<p>Did you know that the world's population could be as high as 11 billion people by the year 2050? And certainly, as our population is growing, so too are our food needs. Even today, millions of people around the world experience hunger. How can we balance growing populations and keeping everyone fed? This is where the importance of agriculture, food, and natural resources comes in! Through the study of Principles of Agriculture: Food and Natural Resources, you will gain a stronger sense of how food ends up on the plate and how we can maximize the foods and natural resources the earth provides. You'll learn more about agriculture's history, animal husbandry, plant science, and natural resources, and you'll be better prepared for your part in sustaining the world.</p>	HS
Principles of Business, Marketing, Finance 1a: Introduction	<p>Provide students with fundamental knowledge that will help them pursue a career in business! Students will explore different types of businesses and ownership forms, the impact of governments on business, and the marketing of goods and services. Students will also be expected to learn about globalization, free trade, and various economic systems. Finally, the impact of technology on business, business ethics, and social responsibility are discussed, providing students with a foundational knowledge of business.</p>	HS
Principles of Information Technology 1a: Introduction	<p>Develop your students' understanding and proficiency of computers! Students will learn about computer hardware, Von Neumann architecture, peripherals, and maintenance as well as data management and storage options. Learners will trace the history of operating systems and application software while also exploring network systems, administration, and troubleshooting. Finally, students will dive into word processing, spreadsheets, and databases to cement their knowledge of information technology!</p>	HS
Principles of Public Service 1a: Introduction	<p>Ambulances scream along, heading toward those in need. But who makes sure someone is there to answer the 9-1-1 call? When you take a pill, who has determined that drug is safe for the public? All of these duties are imperative to our comfort and success as a society. Public service is a field that focuses on building a safe and healthy world, and in Principles of Public Service: To Serve and Protect you will be introduced to its many different career choices. The protection of society is not only one of our greatest challenges, it also provides ways for people to work together to ensure safety and provide indispensable services. If you've ever contemplated being one of these real-life heroes, now is the time to learn more!</p>	HS

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Public Speaking 1a: Introduction	Does the thought of speaking in front of people makes you break out in hives? Maybe you want tips on how to make that first great impression? In both cases, Public Speaking 1a: Introduction may be just what you need. In this course, you will learn from famous orators, like Aristotle and Cicero, understand the influence of rhetoric, and discover how to recognize bias, prejudice, and propaganda. You will also learn how to plan a speech, build an argument, and communicate effectively, while collaborating with others. Grab your notes and get ready to conquer public speaking!	HS
Reading and Writing for a Purpose	This course introduces useful, real-world information by having students learn to read legal, insurance, employment, and vehicle related documents. Furthermore, students will explore media bias, trends in journalism, word structures, and research strategies. To entrench real-world applications, students will learn how to critically read, identify good sources of information, and create an outline, making this course an asset to building life and study skills.	HS
Real World Parenting	Do you love children? Maybe you dream of being a parent someday. But perhaps you are also asking yourself, just how, exactly, do you learn to parent? Learning how to care for children while teaching them confidence and accountability is not an easy feat. In Real World Parenting, you'll learn that being a parent is much more than simply feeding, bathing, and protecting a child. Creating a positive environment, nurturing, fostering education, and serving as a role model are all critical aspects as well. You'll learn how to be a positive force in the development of your future children as well as others around you.	HS
Renewable Technologies 1a: Introduction	Cars that run on used vegetable oil. Electricity produced from your garbage. A windmill made from spare bicycle parts that pumps water to crops. Energy is life. So, how do we address the world's growing concerns about energy sources? Where will it come from in the future? How can energy be something sustainable, renewable, and accessible? Renewable Technologies begins to uncover the development of new energy technologies and explores how recent approaches to generating, storing, and creating this precious resource have evolved. By gaining a larger understanding of this challenge, we, as thoughtful people, can implement real change and unlock the solution needed for a safer, cleaner, and more enduring world.	HS

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Restaurant Management	Have you ever dreamed of running your own eatery? Maybe you've thought of collaborating with a famous chef to create an unforgettable dining experience? What goes on behind the restaurant dining room is a very different world than what goes on out front and really determines the success or failure of an establishment. Restaurant Management will show you exactly what's needed to run a successful restaurant, including ordering supplies, hiring quality workers, maintaining inventory, and managing a large staff. Understanding such concepts as food safety, hygiene, customer relations, marketing, and using a point-of-sale system are crucial to being an effective restaurateur. Whether you are hoping to operate a casual sit-down eatery, oversee a fine dining establishment, or buy a food franchise, this course is the perfect first step.	HS
Social Media 1a: Introduction	Have a Facebook account? What about Twitter? Whether you've already dipped your toes in the waters of social media or are still standing on the shore wondering what to make of it all, learning how to interact on social media platforms is crucial to surviving and thriving in this age of digital communication. In Social Media: Our Connected World, you'll learn the ins and outs of such social media platforms as Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Google+, and more and how to use them for your benefit—personally, academically, and, eventually, professionally. If you thought social media platforms were just a place to keep track of friends and share personal photos, this course will show you how to use these resources in much more powerful ways.	HS
Social Problems 1: A World in Crisis	War, crime, poverty, global warming—our world often seems full of dire warnings and predictions. How can we make sense of it all and still dare to step outside each day? Social Problems 1: A World in Crisis will explore some of the biggest challenges facing our world today and prepare you to tackle them head-on. You'll learn what led to these social problems, what effects they have on our lives and societies, and what possible solutions exist for solving them. Whether you want to save the world from the next pandemic or better understand the effects of the media on society, this course will help you develop a plan of action!	HS

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Social Problems 2: Crisis, Conflicts, and Challenges	<p>It may seem like we live in a sometimes scary and ever-changing world. Everywhere we look—from the homeless living on the streets, to world-wide health epidemics, to the often negative effects of our global world—problems seem to appear at every corner. In Social Problems 2: Crisis, Conflict, and Challenges, you'll explore more of the challenges we face and learn what we can do to reduce the effects of these conflicts and problems. From drug abuse to terrorists to the changing nature of communities in our digital world, we can better face and solve these problems when we have a deeper understanding of their causes and influences on our lives.</p>	HS
Sports and Entertainment Marketing 1a: Introduction	<p>Whether you are watching a famous athlete make an unbelievable play or witnessing a sensational singing performance, the world of sports and entertainment is never boring. Although it may seem impossible for you to be a part of this glittery world, it's not! The Sports and Entertainment Marketing field offers careers that combine entertainment with traditional marketing, but with a whole lot more glamour. Explore basic marketing principles while delving deeper into the multibillion dollar sports and entertainment industry. Learn how professional athletes, sports teams, and famous entertainers are marketed as commodities and how the savvy people who handle these deals can become very successful. This course will show you exactly how things work behind the scenes of a major entertainment event and how you can be part of the act.</p>	HS
The Lord of the Rings: An Exploration of the films and their Literary Influences	<p>Building on the prior prerequisite course, students will delve deeper into the realms of film and theater production. Students will study script writing and the use of plot and dramatic structure to create stories that speak to the audience. Also, the responsibilities of actors and directors as well as their relationship to each other are discussed with students learning more about the film production process. Finally, students will discover the types of genres in film and theater and how those genres are influenced by historical, social, and cultural factors.</p>	HS
Theater, Cinema, & Film Production 1a: Introduction	<p>Lights! Camera! Action! Let's explore the enchanting world of live theater and its fascinating relationship to the silver screen. In Theater, Cinema, and Film Production, you'll learn the basics of lighting, sound, wardrobe, and camerawork while examining the magic that happens behind all the drama. Delve into the glamorous history of film and theater, and examine the tremendous influence these industries have had on society and culture over the years. During this unit, you'll discuss and analyze three classic American films "Casablanca, Singing in the Rain, and The Wizard of Oz" to help you learn how to critique and appreciate some of the most famous dramas of all time.</p>	HS

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Veterinary Science: The Care of Animals	Lions and tigers and bears (oh my!) Whether you want to step into the wild side of veterinary medicine or just take care of the furry dogs and cats down your street, Veterinary Science: The Care of Animals will show you how to care for domestic, farm, and wild animals and diagnose their common diseases and ailments. Learn how different veterinary treatments are used and developed to improve the lives of animals and, as a result, the lives of those people who treasure them. If you have always been drawn to the world of our furry, scaly, and feathered friends, this may be just the course for you!	HS
Womens Studies: A Personal Journey Through Film	Maybe you grew up watching movies with female characters like Cinderella, Belle, Snow White, or Ariel. Maybe you've wondered why there are stereotypes about women being bad drivers or ignorant about sports. Maybe you want to know about feminism and the women's movement. The Introduction to Women's Studies: A Personal Journey Through Film can help you answer these questions. Though it focuses on the experience of women, it's appropriate for anyone who wants to learn to critically examine films while learning about the history of the women's movement and how gender, race, and social class influence us. Women have earned their right to stand up and be recognized as equal partners and reap the benefits of their hard work. As the anonymous quote goes, "History is Herstory too."	HS
Word: Office Fundamentals Series	Learn to effectively and efficiently use one of the most common tools of business, school, and personal correspondence – Microsoft Word! You will learn not only how to create word-processing documents like letters and reports, but how to style them using fonts, colors and editing tools. Discover how to format documents, create tables, use bullets and numbering, and insert images. Skills you learn in this course can be applied immediately to school and prepares you to take the MOS Word certification exam. Content of this course will also be applicable to the Microsoft Office Suite certification exam.	HS
World Religions: 1a: Introduction	From Taoism, to Islam, to Christianity, religion inevitably affects us all in some way. On one level, religion can help us commune with and honor our spiritual natures, but it can also divide people and create great strife in the world. World Religions: Exploring Diversity will explore the various characteristics of faith and introduce the fundamentals of the major religions, including Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Shintoism, and Taoism. You'll trace how these powerful faiths have influenced cultures over thousands of years and helped to shape the face of humanity. After this course, you'll have a clearer understanding of how religion continues to affect the larger world.	HS