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# ANKENY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BRIGHT IDEAS FOR ONLINE LEARNING\*



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\*All classes in this catalog are virtual. A device with internet access will be necessary to participate.



# YOUTH ENRICHMENT LEAGUE



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## Chess 1.0 | Beginner

Learn the game played by kings, queens, presidents, and laureates for centuries. Chess benefits student's focus, sportsmanship, problem solving, mental fortitude, and more. Co-hosted by National Chess Master and former state champion Nathan Hoover, YEL Online Chess Lessons are immersive, engaging, and rich with content. Seats are limited, so sign up soon! We suggest participants have a computer with a microphone and speakers, high speed internet, and a ChessKid.com account (email us if you need one). We'll be using ChessKid.com as well as chess.com for lesson analysis. Students will also be invited to participate in free online chess tournaments using ChessKid.com.

**Ages 6- 12**

**#354075** Wed, 1/13 - 3/3; **\$99**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

**#354076** Wed, 3/10 - 4/28; **\$99**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

## Chess 2.0 | Beginner 2

This class is for students with a basic grasp of chess piece movement, capturing, check, and checkmate, but not ready for higher level lessons. We will be studying tactics like pins, skewers, discovered and double checks, back rank mates and more. Seats are limited, so sign up soon! We suggest participants have a computer with a microphone and speakers, high speed internet, a ChessKid.com account (email us if you need one). We'll be using ChessKid.com as well as chess.com for lesson analysis. Students will also be invited to participate in free online chess tournaments using ChessKid.com.

**Ages 6- 12**

**#354345** Thur, 1/14 - 3/4; **\$99**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

**#354352** Thur, 3/11 - 4/29; **\$99**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM



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## Chess 3.0 | Intermediate and Advanced

The YEL Online Intermediate and Advanced Chess Lessons Series will focus on opening variations, endgame practice, move by move analysis and more. Co-hosted by National Chess Master and former state champion Nathan Hoover, YEL Online Chess Lessons are immersive, engaging, and rich with content. Seats are limited, so sign up soon! We suggest participants have a computer with a microphone and speakers, high speed internet, a ChessKid.com account (email us if you need one). We'll be using ChessKid.com as well as chess.com for lesson analysis. Students will also be invited to participate in free online chess tournaments using ChessKid.com.

**Ages 6 - 18**

**#354358** Mon, 1/11 - 3/1; **\$99**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

**#354363** Mon, 3/8 - 4/26; **\$99**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

## Chess 4.0 | Advanced

This class is for students with a USCF rating or ChessKid.com rating (fast or slow) of 1200 or more. National Master Nathan Hoover Will provide in-depth training on end games (minor piece, King and pawn, Rook, and even Queen endings); openings, and analysis of master level chess games. We suggest participants have a computer with a microphone and speakers, high speed internet, a ChessKid.com account (email us if you need one). We'll be using ChessKid.com as well as chess.com for lesson analysis. Students will also be invited to participate in free online chess tournaments using ChessKid.com.

**Ages 6- 18**

**#354378** Tue, 1/12 - 3/2; **\$99**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

**#354387** Tue, 3/9 - 4/27; **\$99**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM



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## Coding 1.0 | Animation

Learn basic and intermediate coding techniques with Scratch®. Students will be introduced to the vital field of coding and learn how to use movement blocks, loops, control blocks, and other basic coding for animation. Students will be given a Scratch user account. More details will be sent on how to join the class. Students can share their code online with other Scratch kiddos, and they can keep it in their own account. Seats are limited, so sign up today!

**Ages 8 - 14**

**#354395** Tue, 1/12 - 3/2; **\$99**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

**#354400** Tue, 3/9 - 4/27; **\$99**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

## Coding 2.0 | Video Games

Design, code, test, and share your very own video games using Scratch®. Students will be introduced to the vital field of coding and learn how to use movement blocks, loops, control blocks, and other basic coding for use in designing their own video games.

**Ages 8 - 14**

**#354416** Wed, 1/13 - 3/3; **\$99**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

**#354429** Wed, 3/10 - 4/28; **\$99**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

## Coding 3.0 | Advanced

If you've either taken a previous YEL Coding with Scratch® class or have prior Scratch coding experience, this class can take you to the next level. Students will take a deeper dive into Scratch coding to design and code more challenging video games and animations.

**Ages 8 - 14**

**#354433** Thur, 1/14 - 3/4; **\$99**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

**#354434** Thur, 3/11 - 4/29; **\$99**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM



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## Guitar 1.0 | Beginner

Take up a brand new instrument and learn basic chords, notes, and maybe even some famous rock solos. Students will need to purchase the Hal Leonard Guitar Method Book 1. It can be found at Amazon.com and other online outlets. Maximum class size is 10.

**Ages 10 - 15**

**#354441** Tue, 1/12 - 3/2; **\$149**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

**#354444** Tue, 3/9 - 4/27; **\$149**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

## Guitar 2.0 | Beginner 2

For students who have completed Guitar 1.0 | Beginner class. We continue the musical journey learning more notes on the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th strings; more chord options; and more songs. Continue what you started. Join Guitar 2.0. Maximum class size is 10.

**Ages 12 - 15**

**#354446** Wed, 3/10 - 4/28; **\$149**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

# SCHOLARSHIP

Ankeny Community Engagement has scholarships available for courses which benefit youth. Scholarship requests may be made per person or family each fiscal year (July 1 - June 30).

Call 515.289.3960 or email [kristopher.koehler@ankenyschools.org](mailto:kristopher.koehler@ankenyschools.org) for more information.



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## Magic 1.0

Amaze your family and friends with prestidigitation and legerdemain (magic tricks...that is). Students will use common household items (deck of cards, paper clips, pencils, etc.) to learn and perform magic tricks. Get ready to wreck the internet with awesome Instagram posts of your kiddo doing magic. Join the class where the focus is on hocus-pocus! NOTE: We will send a full list of necessary items prior to the first class.

**Ages 7 - 11**

**#354449** Tue, 1/12 - 2/2; **\$49**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

**#354452** Tue, 2/16 - 3/9; **\$49**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

## Magic 2.0

For students who have completed {YEL!} Magic 1.0. We will do new tricks and fine tune our presentation on all tricks. This class is getting great reviews and is filling up fast. NOTE: We will send a full list of necessary items prior to the first class.

**Ages 7 - 11**

**#354455** Thur, 1/14 - 2/4; **\$49**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

**#354458** Thur, 2/18 - 3/11; **\$49**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM

## Magic 3.0

For students who have completed Magic 1.0 and Magic 2.0. Stop the show with Magic 3.0. YEL Magic 3.0 offers all new magic tricks that are more challenging and incorporate more magical showmanship. Young magicians will learn multiple tricks, prepare their patter for professional presentation, and put on a live, online Magic Show for family and friends! Grab your cape, get your magic wand, and sign up today!

**Ages 7 - 11**

**#354459** Wed, 2/17 - 3/10; **\$49**  
Online 4:15 - 5:15 PM



# CODE WIZARDS HQ

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## Introduction to Programming with Python\*

Students learn the fundamentals of programming using Python, a beginner-friendly programming language. In this hands-on class, students build fun, engaging projects while mastering fundamental programming principles like variables, loops, conditionals, arrays, functions and more.

This course is intended for middle-school students with no or minimal experience in learning programming. It is also ideal for students who have experience with block-based programming like Scratch® and code.org and want to level up to text based programming.

### Grades 6-8

**#354069** Sat, 1/23 - 5/1; **\$149/month for 3 months** Online 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**#354070** Mon, 1/25 - 4/26; **\$149/month for 3 months** Online 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

**#354071** Thur, 1/28 - 4/29; **\$149/month for 3 months** Online 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

## Python Programming\*

Students get a robust introduction to Python, a popular language that is widely used in the emerging fields of data sciences, machine learning and artificial intelligence. In this hands-on, project-based class, students will learn fundamental programming principles like variables, loops, conditionals, arrays, functions and more in Python. The course is designed to provide students with a strong foundation in Python, enabling them to build more complex coding projects in subsequent courses.

This course is intended for high-school students with no or minimal experience in learning programming.

### Grades 9-12

**#354072** Sat, 1/23 - 5/1; **\$149/month for 3 months** Online 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

**#354073** Mon, 1/25 - 4/26; **\$149/month for 3 months** Online 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**#354074** Thur, 1/28 - 4/29; **\$149/month for 3 months** Online 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

*\* A \$25 registration fee will be applied towards the first month's payment.*





# EDUCATIONAL



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## ZAPS ACT Test Prep Seminar

We've been coming to your school for years, but this spring we're teaching our proven test prep live and online! Learn to improve scores in all subtests and proactive strategies to eliminate wrong choices. All materials will be shipped direct to your door so your student can safely receive our live, virtual training from the convenience of your home.

Instructor: Doorway to College Foundation

**#353922** Wed & Thur, 3/24 & 3/25; **\$99**

Online 6:30 - 9:00 PM

## Reading and Math Camps

Sylvan is excited to announce an all-out effort to help students get back on track due to lost class time. Our virtual, live reading and math camps are starting soon! Each program includes 10 one-hour sessions of proven Sylvan curriculum. Each session has different lessons so join us for all three.

Instructor: Sylvan Learning

**Grades K - 8**

### All Sessions

**#355003** 1/25 - 5/14; **\$405**

Reading Camp: Mon, Tue

Math Camp: Thur, Fri

Online 4:30 - 5:30 PM

### Session 2

**#355010** 3/1 - 4/9; **\$150**

Reading Camp: Mon, Tue

Math Camp: Thur, Fri

Online 4:30 - 5:30 PM

### Session 1

**#355006** 1/25 - 2/26; **\$150**

Reading Camp: Mon, Tue

Math Camp: Thur, Fri

Online 4:30 - 5:30 PM

### Session 3

**#355013** 4/12 - 5/14; **\$150**

Reading Camp: Mon, Tue

Math Camp: Thur, Fri

Online 4:30 - 5:30 PM



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## Study Skills Camp

Finish the school year strong. During these virtual sessions, your child will be introduced to excellent study strategies! Topics will include: organization and time management, learning styles, note-taking strategies, and test-taking strategies. Set your student up for success. Register for all 5 classes or just take one.

**Grades 5 - 12**

### Full Course: (5 days/10 hours)

**#355015** Tue, 1/26 - 2/23; **\$150**  
Online 6:00 - 8:00PM

**#355016** Tue, 3/23 - 4/20; **\$150**  
Online 6:00 - 8:00PM

### Organization and Time Management

**#355027** Tue, 1/26; **\$36**  
Online 6:00 - 8:00PM

**#355028** Tue, 3/23; **\$36**  
Online 6:00 - 8:00PM

### Learning Styles and Study Habits

**#355043** Tue, 2/2; **\$36**  
Online 6:00 - 8:00PM

**#355045** Tue, 3/30; **\$36**  
Online 6:00 - 8:00PM

### Note-Taking Strategies

**#355047** Tue, 2/9; **\$36**  
Online 6:00 - 8:00PM

**#355048** Tue, 4/6; **\$36**  
Online 6:00 - 8:00PM

### Test-Taking Strategies

**#355049** Tue, 2/16; **\$36**  
Online 6:00 - 8:00PM

**#355050** Tue, 4/13; **\$36**  
Online 6:00 - 8:00PM

### Reading and Study Strategies

**#355052** Tue, 2/23; **\$36**  
Online 6:00 - 8:00PM

**#355053** Tue, 4/20; **\$36**  
Online 6:00 - 8:00PM



# HEALTH AND FITNESS



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## Boot Camp

You can now do Boot Camp in the comfort of your own home. This online Zoom class features a combination of strength, cardio, muscle endurance, and core exercises. In 45-minutes, with others online, you will be challenged to reach your potential. A variety of intervals will help you build strength and fitness. From circuit-style routines and muscle-toning exercises using dumbbells and your own body weight, each class will challenge you differently. All fitness levels are encouraged.

\*Classes are Mon, Tues, & Thurs except for holidays. See online registration for full schedule.

Instructor: Shanell Freeseaman

**#354462** Mon, Tue, Thur, 1/4 - 1/28; **\$25**  
Online 5:30 - 6:15 PM

**#354467** Mon, Tue, Thur, 3/1 - 4/1; **\$25**  
Online 5:30 - 6:15 PM

**#354463** Mon, Tue, Thur, 2/1 - 2/25; **\$25**  
Online 5:30 - 6:15 PM

**#354472** Mon, Tue, Thur, 4/5 - 4/29; **\$25**  
Online 5:30 - 6:15 PM

**#354473** Mon, Tue, Thur, 5/3 - 5/27; **\$25**  
Online 5:30 - 6:15 PM

## NEW

## Shibashi Tai Chi/Qigong

Shibashi Tai Chi/Qigong is a gentle, flowing exercise that is deeply relaxing and enjoyable. It is designed to improve ones general health and well-being. The movements stimulate blood and lymph circulation and exercise all the major joints, ligaments and muscles. This helps calm the mind and body, reduces mental stress and physical tension, creating a state of positive well-being. The class can be done while sitting in a chair if needed. The instructor is a Certified Tai Chi for Health and Qigong for Health instructor.

Instructor: Michelle Goodman

**#354533** Tue & Thur, 1/12 - 3/4; **\$72**  
Online 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM

**#354534** Tue & Thur, 3/9 - 4/27; **\$72**  
Online 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM



# HEALTH AND FITNESS



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## Couples Dance

Learn to dance in the comfort of your own home. We will break down the men's and ladies' footwork individually. You will learn lead and follow, footwork, and rhythm counts in ballroom, country, and swing dances. Your dance lessons take place over video chat with Facebook Messenger or Skype, so you can learn and respond in real time. Each class is one hour per week for five weeks. Instructor: Aimee Shedd

**#354482** Date and time arranged with instructor; **\$100**

*\*Registration price is for one couple*

## Line Dance

Learn to dance in the comfort of your own home. You will learn footwork and rhythm counts in ballroom, country, and swing dances. Your dance lessons take place over video chat with Facebook Messenger or Skype, so you can learn and respond in real time. Each class is one hour per week for five weeks. Instructor: Aimee Shedd

**#354479** Date and time arranged with instructor; **\$50**



# FINANCIAL PLANNING



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## Understanding and Preparing for Divorce

Divorce is hard enough by itself. This class will help you understand the process and potential pitfalls. It will cover topics from how to choose an attorney, custody issues, child support, and equitable division of assets such as 401(k)s pensions, social security, and alimony.

Instructor: Ann Merkle

**#354063** Thur, 2/4; \$5

Online 6:30 - 8:30 PM

## Estate Planning

Even every day folks need an estate plan. An estate plan saves your family undue grief and cost by ensuring your assets are distributed as you wanted. Whether your assets are worth thousands or hundreds of thousands, it is important to protect everything you worked so hard to earn. Learn how to avoid unnecessary expenses and fees, how to reduce or eliminate taxes and how to maximize the transfer of your real estate, investments and personal belongings to your loved ones and/or charitable organizations. Taught by a financial advisor with additional support of an estate attorney and an advanced planning consultant.

Instructor: Ann Merkle

**#354064** Tues, 3/23; \$5

Online 6:30 - 8:30 PM



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## Retirement 101

Afraid you cannot afford to retire? We will explore this question along with social security, Medicare, how to convert a 401(k) plan to an income stream you won't outlive, ways to minimize your taxes in retirement, and options to help protect your investments from market fluctuation. This seminar is relevant to anyone who wants to become more empowered in today's financial world. Course taught by a financial advisor with over 30 years of experience.

Instructor: Ann Merkley

**#354065** Thur, 4/15; **\$5**

Online 6:30 - 8:30 PM

## NEW

## First Time Homebuyer

Are you thinking about purchasing a new home or in the process already? This class is taught by a panel of experts that will educate you on everything you need to know including understanding your credit score, what's involved in the process of finding the perfect home, how much you can afford to spend, your loan options and what down payments are required. Owning your first home may seem like an overwhelming task. We will help you wade through the process from the idea stage to getting you to the closing table.

Instructor: Ann Merkley

**#354068** Tues, 4/20; **\$5**

Online 6:30 - 8:30 PM

# SPRING 2021 COURSE CATALOG

Got to [ankenyschools.org/revtrak.net/community-engagement-courses/](https://ankenyschools.org/revtrak.net/community-engagement-courses/) to register.

## Confirmation of Registration

Registration is required for all classes and is on a first-come, first-served basis. If registering close to the start date of a class, call or check the website to confirm that space is still available.

## Refunds

Refund requests must be made at least three business days prior to the start of class. Registration will be fully refunded if Ankeny Community Schools cancels the class. There are no refunds or discounts for missed classes due to illnesses.

## Changes/Cancellations

Occasionally class locations may need to change. Please make sure your contact information is current so that we may reach you with any necessary changes/updates.

## Partial Scholarships

Grant funding makes it possible for the Ankeny Community Engagement Department to offer partial scholarships to students in need. These partial scholarships are available for our youth and parenting courses. Contact the Ankeny Community Engagement Department at 515-289-3960 for more information.

## Weather Cancellations

Community Engagement classes scheduled in or at district facilities are canceled if the Ankeny Community School District has canceled for weather or other emergencies. A message will be posted at [ankenyschools.org](https://ankenyschools.org), in addition to local TV stations. Announcements will also be also posted on the @AnkenySchools Twitter site and Facebook pages.

## Photo Permission

Occasionally photos may be taken of participants in the classes for future marketing. Participants desiring their names/photograph not to be used for marketing must notify Community Engagement in writing at the time of registration.

## Hold Harmless

Instructors and participants understand that this course may expose them to some risk and that individuals need to assess their own personal health/fitness to participate in the courses, and thus, instructor or participants are responsible for any medical expense. Participants hold harmless the District and its officials, employees, and agents from and against all claims, liabilities, damages and expenses, including attorney fees and costs.

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