

# ANKENY

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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**Fall and Winter 2023/2024**

**COURSE CATALOG**

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Beginning**

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*Providing Community Connections  
and Lifelong Learning Opportunities*

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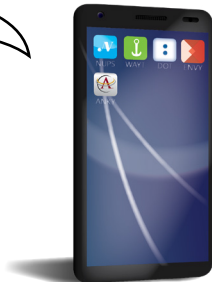
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Office hours: Monday - Friday  
 7:30 am to 4:30 pm



### {YEL!} Chess

New and returning students invited. Learn, Practice and Play chess each class. The {YEL!} Teach It! Practice It! Play It!® method keeps students on track with new chess lessons and puzzles each week as well as guided games and in-class tournaments. Class fee includes ChessKid.com membership for the session. Grades K - 5  
 Instructor: Youth Enrichment League

**#444854:** Thur, 10/5 - 12/7; **\$122**  
 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Crocker Lunchroom  
 No class 10/19 and 11/23

### {YEL!} Extreme STEM: Catapults and Dragons

Build a dragon, railroad crossing, and design their own marshmallow catapult using LEGO® bricks. Then use those projects to investigate basic engineering concepts. {YEL!}'s Teach It! Practice It! Play It!® classroom method emphasizes 21st Century Learning skills like STEM and problem-solving. Grades K - 3  
 Instructor: Youth Enrichment League

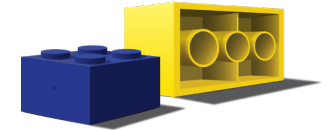
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**#444883:** Wed, 10/25 - 12/6; **\$82.50**  
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM East Lunchroom  
 No class 11/22

### {YEL!} Fencing

New and returning students invited! Join this fast-paced, inclusive (everyone participates) Olympic Sport. The {YEL!} Teach It! Practice It! Play It!® approach teaches fencers new skills each class, practices those skills in kid-friendly fencing games, and then encourages students to use those skills in fencing bouts (matches). All equipment provided. GRADES 2 - 5  
 Instructor: Youth Enrichment League

**#444861:** Fri, 10/13 - 12/22; **\$130**  
 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM East Elem. Gym  
 No class 10/20, 11/24, and 12/8



### {YEL!} Robotics 2.0 Spy-Bots and Surveillance

Build a spy-bot, satellite or design your own earthquake alarm. Then program the spy-bot to be sneaky, the satellite to orbit, and the alarm to...be alarming. {YEL!}'s Teach It! Practice It! Play It!® classroom method emphasizes 21st Century Learning skills like STEM, teamwork, and problem solving. Sign up today! Visit YELKids.com for more information. Grades 1 - 5  
 Instructor: Youth Enrichment League

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**#444864:** Wed, 10/25 - 12/6; **\$90**  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM East Lunchroom  
 No class 11/22

## {YEL!} Coding Kiddos ScratchJr® Animation

Bring your stories to life with ScratchJr® Coding! Students learn the art of storytelling, create simple animations using code blocks, and are introduced to the world of coding all at the same time. Teamwork, collaboration, and inclusion are all on tap in this nurturing introduction to coding and storytelling. Sign up for Coding Kiddos today to THINK, LEARN and PLAY WELL with {YEL!}.

Grades K - 2  
Instructor: Youth Enrichment League

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**#444857:** Tues, 10/24 - 11/28; **\$86**  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM East Lunchroom



## {YEL!} Coding Micro: Bit Maker

Build It! Code It! Play It! all with the Micro:Bit pocket-sized computer and coding platform. Students will construct and code their own games, challenges, and security system using Micro:Bit. Designed for 21st Century learners in grades 4-8. If your son or daughter loves to code or wants to learn, sign up for Coding with Micro: Bit® today to THINK, LEARN and PLAY WELL with {YEL!}.

Grades 4 - 8  
Instructor: Youth Enrichment League

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**#444860:** Mon, 10/23 - 11/27; **\$124**  
6:15 PM - 7:45 PM Crocker Lunchroom

## {YEL!} Coding 2.0 Scratch® Animation

Each {YEL!} Coding class follows four basic components:

- Teach It!... Students learn different story-telling and coding techniques (movement blocks, animation, dialogue, timing, etc.)
- Code It!... Students use Scratch® to code their own animated story lines: i.e. westerns, missions in space and even dance parties.
- Explore It!... Students can write their own code, experiment with it and test new options.

Grades 2 - 5  
Instructor: Youth Enrichment League

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**#444855:** Tues, 10/24 - 11/28; **\$86**  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM East Lunchroom

## {YEL!} Guitar: Beginning

Join this dynamic course to learn a dynamite instrument! All {YEL!} guitar classes follow our basic components: Teach it!.. Players will learn the basics of music including reading music, rhythm, melody and meter. Practice It!.. Students will be provided musical exercises to reinforce basic concepts. Play It!.. Players will learn basic songs in various styles and there will be a mini-recital at the end of the session. Parent invited to attend. Let the music play!

NOTE TO PARENTS: Please supply your child with a six-string guitar. Call (800) 959-9261 if you would like recommendations for purchasing a guitar. Remind your child to bring guitar to each class. Students who bring electric guitars should also bring their own amplifier

Grades 3 - 5  
Instructor: Youth Enrichment League

**#444862:** Fri, 10/6 - 12/8; **\$150**  
6:15 PM - 7:45 PM Southeast Media Center  
No class on 10/20 and 11/24



## Board Game Builders

Combine creativity, strategic thinking, art, math, and writing to make your own original board game from scratch. You'll get all the supplies you need to design and prototype a real game to take home and play with friends and family. We'll play minigames, teach group lessons, and work independently to practice trying, failing, and fixing. Our goal is to step away from consumerism and practice skills for designing, making, and sharing new, original ideas.

Grades 3 - 5  
Instructor: Little Creators Club

**#444785:** Wed, 10/4 - 11/1; **\$74**  
6:00 PM - 7:15 PM Northview Room 1107  
No class on 10/18

## Writer's Workshop

In this course, your child will have fun engaging in different writing styles and types. From blogs to persuasive pieces (Haven't you always wanted to hear exactly WHY they need a cell phone in 4th grade?), your child will have time to get their creative juices flowing. This course will be taught by a Sylvan Certified Writing teacher who will arm your child with great foundational skills for back to school success (or to beat summer boredom).

Grades 1 - 5  
Instructor: Sylvan Learning

**#444795:** Tues, 10/24 - 11/21; **\$150**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Northview Room 1107

## Sum Fun! Addition and Subtraction

Does your child dread those pesky timed addition and subtraction tests? During this course, your child will learn how to use everyday objects to help with his/her basic facts! This will be a fun approach for your child to improve understanding of basic addition and subtraction skills, while increasing speed and accuracy.

Grades: 1-3  
Instructor: Sylvan Learning

**#444795:** Sat, 10/14 - 11/4; **\$150**  
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Southeast Media Center

## Ready, Set... Multiply

Students will understand the concepts behind multiplication and division, and will work to increase speed and accuracy of basic facts. During this course, kids will utilize a variety of learning tools to engage their brain – and improve their multiplication and division facts. Flash cards are a thing of the past!

Grades: 3 - 5  
Instructor: Sylvan Learning

**#444803:** Sat, 10/14 - 11/4; **\$150**  
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Southeast Media Center

## Be Winter Wise

In the event of a class cancellation due to weather, class participants will be notified as soon as possible via email. Community Engagement classes are cancelled if the Ankeny Community School District has cancelled for weather or other emergencies. See page 8 for more information.





## Start Smart with Study Skills

One of the biggest hurdles to academic success after elementary school seems to be poor study skills. During these sessions, students will be introduced to excellent strategies to set them up for success in middle and high school. Register for the entire 10-hour course, which includes all five classes listed below at a discounted price, or sign up for individual classes for \$45 each.

Grades 5 - 8 Instructor: Sylvan Learning

**ENTIRE COURSE INCLUDES ALL FIVE 2-HOUR SESSIONS LISTED BELOW (A SAVINGS OF \$26), OR YOU MAY SIGN UP FOR INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS (SEE TIMES AND DATES BELOW).**

**#444786:** Mon, 10/23 - 11/20; **\$199**, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Northview Room 1107

## Organization and Time Management

Develop and refine time management and organizational habits to succeed in school, life, and beyond. Use an academic planner to track school assignments and grades. Manage time and responsibilities inside and outside of the classroom. Organize school work and study area.

**#444787:** Mon, 10/23; **\$45**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Northview Room 1107

## Note-Taking Strategies

During this course, your child will get an introduction to taking notes in order to study more effectively and improve test scores. They will also learn to use note-taking tools to record and manage information presented in classroom texts and lectures.

**#444788:** Mon, 10/30; **\$45**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Northview Room 1107

## Test-Taking Strategies

During this two-hour course, your child will be introduced to study strategies to take tests and quizzes with confidence. Students will learn to manage test anxiety and use a study process, apply study strategies for various subjects, and tackle different types of tests and item types.

**#444789:** Mon, 11/6; **\$45**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Northview Room 1107

## Reading and Study Strategies

Develop active reading strategies to read better in every class. Use text features to improve comprehension. Read strategically by using text features, visual aids, and context clues. Locate the main idea and summarize information. Skim and scan for key details.

**#444790:** Mon, 11/13; **\$45**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Northview Room 1107

## Learning Styles and Study Habits

During this two hour course, your child will be introduced to key study strategies and habits to become an independent and effective student. In addition to this, they will start to develop a "yes I can" mindset and set and achieve short- and long-term goals.

**#444791:** Mon, 11/20; **\$45**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Northview Room 1107

All Community Engagement classes have a minimum number of students necessary to run each class. Registration closes three business days before the first day of class, so be sure to sign up today!

# Adult & Youth Courses

## Tae Kwon Do

What are the benefits of Tae Kwon Do for you and your family? Quite simply – tons! Physical fitness, weight control, increased concentration span, self-esteem, stress relief, and personal protection skills. Along with these, you will learn the art of traditional Tae Kwon Do. Ages six and older. Family fun. This class will be held on Mondays and Thursdays unless communicated by instructor.  
Instructor: Martial Arts America

**#443880:** Mon & Thur, 9/14 - 11/6; **\$60**  
6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Parkview East Gym  
Class on 10/16, 10/19, 10/26,  
and 11/2 off site

**More classes to come.**

## Investment 101

Are you afraid of making mistakes with your money? Do you wish you were more comfortable with money decisions and financial topics? We'll help you prepare for whatever the future might bring. Learn more about establishing and protecting your own credit, choosing appropriate investments, planning for retirement and other relevant topics. Class is open to all, taught by a female financial advisor with 37 years' experience, and relevant for anyone who wants to become more empowered in today's financial world.  
Instructor: Ann Merkley

**#444784:** Mon, 10/30; **\$5**  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Southeast Media Center

## 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 Merkley

**#444782:** Tues, 11/7; **\$5**  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Southeast Media Center



## Retirement Planning

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

**#444783:** Tues, 10/17; **\$5**  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Southeast Media Center

# Registration

## ONLINE

Register for classes and access up-to-date class information from the comfort of your own computer at [www.ankenyschools.org/community-engagement](http://www.ankenyschools.org/community-engagement).

## IN PERSON

Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. 306 SW School St, Ankeny IA 50023, card only. Questions can be directed to the Ankeny Community Engagement Department at 515-965-9604 ext 54636.

Pre-registering helps instructors plan for their classes. All classes have size limits and/or have a minimum requirement for the class to be a "go." Please help us avoid the disappointment of class cancellations by registering early. Registration closes three business days before the first day of class.

## 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.

## 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 on a limited basis. These partial scholarships are available for our youth and parenting courses. Contact the Ankeny Community Engagement Department at 515-965-9604 ext 54363 for more information.

## Weather Cancellations

Community Engagement classes scheduled in or at district facilities are canceled if the Ankeny Community School District cancels school for weather or other emergencies. A message will be posted at [ankenyschools.org](http://ankenyschools.org).

## Photo Permission

Occasionally photos may be taken of the participants in 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.

Ankeny Community School District does not discriminate based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or disability, ancestry, political party preference, military affiliation, socioeconomic status, or familial status. Inquiries or grievances may be directed to Kenneth Morris, Jr. Equity Director, 306 SW School Street, P.O. Box 189, Ankeny, IA, 50021-0189, (515) 965-9600, [kenneth.morris@ankenyschools.org](mailto:kenneth.morris@ankenyschools.org); or the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, IA, 50319-0201, (515) 281-4121; or the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 500 West Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661.



## Class Locations

Community Engagement classes take place in Ankeny Community School District's seventeen buildings.

### Ankeny Centennial High School

2220 NW State Street

### Ankeny High School

1155 SW Cherry Street

### Ashland Ridge Elementary School

2600 NW Ash Street

### Crocker Elementary School

2910 SW Applewood Street

### East Elementary School

710 SE 3rd Street

### Heritage Elementary School

301 SW Prairie Trail Parkway

### Northeast Elementary School

1705 NE Trilein Drive

### Northview Middle School

1302 N Ankeny Boulevard

### Northwest Elementary School

202 W First Street

### Parkview Middle School

105 NW Pleasant Street

### Prairie Ridge Middle School

1010 NW Prairie Ridge Drive

### Prairie Trail Elementary School

1850 SW College Avenue

### Rock Creek Elementary School

3800 NW Abilene Road

### Southeast Elementary School

1005 SE Trilein Drive

### Southview Middle School

1020 SW Cherry Street

### Terrace Learning Center

310 NW School Street

### Westwood Elementary School

2920 NW Ninth Street



## SHARE YOUR BIG IDEA

Have a talent or topic you'd like to share with others? Call the Community Engagement office at 515-965-9604 x54363 or go to [ankenyschools.org/community-engagement](http://ankenyschools.org/community-engagement) to submit your camp or class proposal.

**PROPOSALS FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2024 ARE DUE NOV 30, 2023!**

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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Fall and Winter 2023/2024

### STAY UP TO DATE!

Find current information for all community classes at [ankenyschools.org/community-engagement](https://ankenyschools.org/community-engagement). When registering, be sure to include your current email address so you will receive registration confirmation, reminders, class announcements, updates, weather-related info, and other important class-related information.

