



# Neillsville HS & MS Summer School (Grd 5-11) 2024

Online Classes offered through Rural Virtual Academy  
Course Offerings List  
Summer of 2024





# High School Course Offerings

## ● Driver's Education

Driver's education teaches teen drivers the facts, theories, and techniques of safe driving. This thorough Driver's Ed course will include driving laws, safe driving techniques, and other essential driving skills that will help students prepare for being behind the wheel. This course provides the 30 hours of classroom instruction required to apply for a Wisconsin Driver Learner's Permit.

***(open to ages 15 and older)***

***Instruction Time:***

*7:00-7:45 AM*

*OR*

*8:00-8:45 AM*

***Credit: 0.5 Elective***

## ● Digital Photography I

Have you ever wondered how photographers 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? The Digital Photography I course focuses on the basics of photography, including building an understanding of aperture, shutter speed, lighting, and composition. Students will be introduced to the history of photography and basic camera functions. Students will use the basic techniques of composition and camera functions to build a portfolio of images, capturing people, landscapes, close-up, and action photographs.

***(suggested for grades 9-11)***

***Instruction Time:***

*8:00-9:30 AM*

***Independent Work Time:***

*9:45-11:45 AM*

***Credit: 0.5 Elective***

# ● Individual Sports

Explore the benefits of individual sports with our team-taught summer course! Covering walking/running, strength training, yoga, cycling, dance and cross training and more, we focus on creating a solid understanding of rules, safety, and terminology for each sport. Discover the joy of these activities as potential lifetime pursuits. Enroll now for a summer of sports education and active enjoyment!

***(suggested for grades 8-11)***

***Instruction Time:***

*8:00-9:30 AM*

***Independent Work Time:***

*9:45-11:45 AM*

***Credit: 0.5 Physical Education***

# ● U.S. Government

**\*with Civics Exam**

Responsible citizenship, including civil and political participation is essential to maintain a representative government that truly represents the people of the United States. In this course, students learn about the structure of government and how it shares power at the local, state and federal levels. This course also explores founding principles that inspired the Constitution and Bill of Rights, preserving the freedoms that students experience daily. Students will examine the processes of each branch of government, the election process, and how citizens can impact public policy. The media, interest groups and influential citizens provide examples of how the government can be effected by informed and active participants. Students will examine the U.S. Court system, and become a part of the process by participating in the judicial decision making process. Discover ways the United States interacts with countries around the world, through domestic policy, foreign policy and human rights policy.

***(suggested for grades 9-11)***

***Instruction Time:***

*8:00-9:30 AM*

***Independent Work Time:***

*9:45-11:45 AM*

***Credit:***

*0.5 Social Studies*

# ● Personal and Family Finance

This course covers the same material as the dual credit Cents & Sensibility course, but is targeted to students who only prefer to earn high school credit for their financial literacy course. This course introduces students to basic financial habits such as setting financial goals, budgeting, and creating financial plans. Students will learn more about topics such as taxation, financial institutions, credit, and money management. The course also addresses how occupations and educational choices can influence personal financial planning, and how individuals can protect themselves from identity theft.

***(suggested for grades 9-11)***

***Instruction Time:***

*8:00-9:30 AM*

***Independent Work Time:***

*9:45-11:45 AM*

***Credit:***

*0.5 Social Studies*

# ● Medical Terminology

**\*DUAL CREDIT**

In this course, students will be introduced to basic medical language and terminology that they would need to enter a health care field. Emphasis will be placed on definitions, proper usage, spelling, and pronunciation. They will study word structure and parts, including roots, prefixes, and suffixes, as well as symbols and abbreviations. They will examine medical terms from each of the body's main systems, including skeletal, muscular, cardiovascular, respiratory, digestive, urinary, nervous, endocrine, reproductive, and lymphatic systems, and sensory organs. In addition, students will learn proper terminology for common tests, procedures, pharmacology, disease, and conditions.

***(suggested for grades 10-11)***

***Instruction Time:***

*8:00-9:30 AM*

***Independent Work Time:***

*9:45-11:45 AM*

***Credit:*** *0.5 Science*

*(3.0 College Credits)*

# ● Written Communications

## \*DUAL CREDIT

This course develops writing skills which include prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing. A variety of writing assignments are designed to help the learner analyze audience and purpose, research and organize ideas, and format and design documents based on subject matter and content. This course also develops critical reading and thinking skills through the analysis of a variety of written documents.

*(suggested for grades 10-11)*

**Instruction Time:**

8:00-9:30 AM

**Independent Work Time:**

9:45-11:45 AM

**Credit:** 0.5 Science

(3.0 College Credits)

# ● Creative Writing

For many hundreds of years, literature has been one of the most important human art forms. It allows us to give voice to our emotions, create imaginary worlds, express ideas, and escape the confines of material reality. Through creative writing, we can come to understand ourselves and our world a little bit better. This course provides students with a solid grounding in the writing process, from finding inspiration to building a basic story to using complicated literary techniques and creating strange hybrid forms of poetic prose and prose poetry. By the end of this course, students will learn how to discover their creative thoughts and turn those ideas into fully realized pieces of creative writing.

*(suggested for grades 9-11)*

**Instruction Time:**

8:00-9:30 AM

**Independent Work Time:**

9:45-11:45 AM

**Credit:** 0.5 Social Studies

# ● Psychology

The human brain is fascinating. Where do thoughts and memories come from? What are emotions? And why do we behave the way we do? Above all, how do these factors influence our relationships with others? In Psychology I, you will begin to understand the human mind by exploring the research and theories of some of the most brilliant psychologists throughout history. Learn how psychology influences personality and development throughout the entire human lifespan, even from birth. Explore different psychological disorders and how they are treated according to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorder. And learn psychological tips that you can use every day, like how to cope and reduce stress.

***(suggested for grades 9-11)***

***Instruction Time:***

*9:45-11:15 AM*

***Independent Work Time:***

*8:30-9:30 AM &*

*11:30 AM - 12:30 PM*

***Credit: 0.5 Social Studies***

# ● Health I: Life Management Skills

Imagine the healthiest people you know? What's their secret? While some areas of health are genetically determined, the truth is we all have the ability to make positive changes in our physical lives. In Health 1: Life Management Skills, you will learn how to promote better health through decreasing stress and finding a fuller vision of life. Explore different lifestyle choices that can influence your overall health from positively interacting with others, to choosing quality health care, to making sensible dietary choices. You will have the opportunity to build your own plan for improvement and learn how to create the type of environment that will ensure your overall health, happiness, and well-being.

***(suggested for grades 8-11)***

***Instruction Time:***

*9:45-11:15 AM*

***Independent Work Time:***

*8:30-9:30 AM &*

*11:30 AM - 12:30 PM*

***Credit: 0.5 Health***

# ● Forensic Science I

Fingerprints. Blood spatter. DNA analysis. The world of law enforcement is increasingly making use of the techniques and knowledge from the sciences to better understand the crimes that are committed and to catch those individuals responsible for the crimes. Forensic science applies scientific knowledge to the criminal justice system. This course focuses on some of the techniques and practices used by forensic scientists during a crime scene investigation (CSI). Starting with how clues and data are recorded and preserved, the student will follow evidence trails until the CSI goes to trial, examining how various elements of the crime scene are analyzed and processed.

***(suggested for grades 9-11)***

***Instruction Time:***

*9:45-11:15 AM*

***Independent Work Time:***

*8:30-9:30 AM &  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM*

***Credit: 0.5 Science***

# ● Career Prep

This course is designed to help students prepare themselves for life after high school. Students will discover possible career options, develop professional skills, and learn about themselves along the way. Topics and assignments covered in class include: learning styles, resume writing, and interview etiquette.

***(suggested for grades 10-11)***

***Instruction Time:***

*9:45-11:15 AM*

***Independent Work Time:***

*8:30-9:30 AM &  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM*

***Credit: 0.5 English***



## ● Skills for Success

This course is designed to promote student success in a virtual setting by exploring technology tools and learning to develop good study skills. Topics covered in this class included technology resources, time management, organization, reading strategies, communication skills, test-taking strategies, and more.

***(suggested for grades 8-11)***

***Instruction Time:***

*9:45-11:15 PM*

***Independent Work Time:***

*8:30-9:30 AM & 11:30 AM-12:30*

*PM*

***Credit: 0.5 Elective***

## ● Sports & Entertainment Marketing

The bright lights. The roaring crowds. The chants and cheers and applause. If you are drawn to the electricity of large events and the challenge of making events successful, a career in sports and entertainment marketing may be for you! In this course, you will trace the development of these industries, dissect their dual nature, and discover what it takes to pitch, promote, and deliver on these services. You'll also explore the necessary steps to chart your own career path from among the professional roles that these industries need to operate.

***(suggested for grades 9-11)***

***Instruction Time:***

*9:45 AM-11:15 PM*

***Independent Work Time:***

*8:30-9:30 AM & 11:30 AM-12:30*

*PM*

***Credit: 0.5 English***

# **Middle School Course Offerings**

## • **Summer Math Adventures**

This course will encourage the ongoing development of math skills during the summer months. The activities of this course will incorporate the concepts of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, place value, fractions, decimals, percents, graphing, and probability. Students will strengthen their number sense, review math vocabulary, and apply math skills to problem-solving activities. Students will also have opportunities to practice math skills with a variety of games as well as computer programs. Join this class for an exciting summer math adventure!

**Time:** 8:15-9:00 AM

**Grade Levels:**

*Open to current 5th-8th graders*

## • **Read & Write for Success**

This course will offer review and application in the area of Reading and Writing. Students will participate in engaging reading activities as well as creative writing projects. Sign up for this class to continue the success in the area of Language Arts!

**Time:** 9:15-10:00 AM

**Grade Levels:**

*Open to current 5th-8th graders*

## • **Art & Soul**

Spend your summer mornings creating beautiful, meaningful artwork with materials you can find around your home and while out on a walk! We will meet for 45 minutes each day and we will share our creations with each other along the way, providing encouragement and helpful ideas!

**Time:** 10:15-11:00 AM

**Grade Levels:**

*Open to current 5th-8th graders*

# • Summer of Tech

Explore the world of technology and all it has to offer. This course will be a fun way to explore a variety of technology tools. We will start off the course with some coding and typing. Then, we will spend time diving deeper into video creation and editing. If you want to include technology in your summer, then this course is for you!

**Time:** 11:15-12:00 AM

**Grade Levels:**

*Open to current 5th-8th graders*

# • Exploring the Spanish Speaking World

This course is designed to explore the Hispanic culture and learn the Spanish language through games, music, activities, dancing, singing, and crafts. Students will participate in activities that connect Spanish culture around the world and practice the Spanish language in a fun way. Let's explore the Spanish Speaking world together!

**Time:** 9:15-10:00 AM

**Grade Levels:**

*Open to current 5th-8th graders*