NISKAYUNA

GRADES K-11

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

JULY 7–25, 2025
ROSENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MORNING CLASSES:
8 AM - 11 AM

AFTERNOON CLASSES:
12 PM - 3 PM

Learning -IS- FUN!

Summer Enrichment Program 2025

Welcome Letter

Dear Niskayuna Families,

We're thrilled to present the Niskayuna Central School District's 2025 **Summer Enrichment Program**! This year's program offers a diverse range of engaging classes for every grade level, from hands-on STEM activities and creative arts to memoir writing and dance.

Summer Enrichment provides a fantastic chance for students to connect with peers and support their social, emotional, and academic growth.

We're especially excited to partner with the Niskayuna Fire Department to offer a unique, free-of-charge opportunity for high school students to explore firefighting and emergency medical services.

Please review the brochure carefully, noting the dates, times, and current grade level requirements for each class.

Here's to a fun and enriching summer!

-Laurel

Laurel Jones
Director of Student Growth and Instructional Support
Niskayuna Central School District

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Session 2	July 14-18	8:00-11:00 am	12:00-3:00 pm
Session 3	July 21-25	8:00-11:00 am	12:00-3:00 pm
Cost:	**$150.00** *per 3-hour class, per child* **a non-refundable $3.00 processing fee is collected by Linq at the time of enrollment*		
Location:	**Rosendale Elementary School** *2445 Rosendale Road*		
Transportation:	Families must provide their own transportation		
Lunch and Recess coverage available for all three weeks.	Lunch and Recess coverage is available from 11-12 pm daily at Rosendale. *It is available **ONLY for students registered for both a morning and an afternoon class** in the same week.* *$15 per week, per child (Sign up by week)*		
Current Grade Level	Check that your child's **CURRENT GRADE LEVEL** matches the acceptable grade level for each session - submissions that do not match will be canceled and charged a processing fee.		
Registration Link:	[Register Here (via Linq Connect)](#)		

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Class Listings

Class 101am - Ozobot & Sphero Robots: K-1 - (Max 20 Students)
Session 1: Morning Class: 8:00-11:00 am
Instructor(s): *Cindy Denney and Kate Kirkpatrick*
Class Description:

Welcome to the world of robots! An Ozobot is a small, educational robot designed to introduce children to coding concepts by allowing them to program its movements using color combinations drawn on paper. Students will also be introduced to basic, block coding skills using Ozoblockly to program the robot's movement and behaviors.

Using Sphero robots, kids learn how to code and control the robot's movement. Students will use tile combinations to create a programmable path for a Sphero to navigate, even travel through a story sequence or around the walls of a maze. Programmable robots help kids learn fundamental STEM concepts through play-based learning and educational STEAM activities. Students will also be working on 21st Century skills of collaboration, creativity, communication and critical thinking. Ozobots and Spheros allow students to explore infinite ways to create, learn, inspire, and have fun! It's a fun and easy way to learn basic programming skills.

Class 102am - Articulation Academy: K-2 (Max 6 Students)
Session 1: Morning Class: 8:00-11:00 am
Instructor(s): *Alysa Ebenhoch*
Class Description:

Welcome to the Articulation Academy - where speaking becomes super fun! At the academy, students get to learn tricks to improve their speech clarity and make sure everyone understands them perfectly. We have awesome activities like sound scavenger hunts, cool craft projects, and even have interactive games that you can play with friends. By practicing these fun activities, students become communication superstars and also get better at understanding sounds. With these new skills, kids will feel super confident when talking to friends and grown-ups. Plus, we focus on making new friends and learning how to chat like a pro! Students are invited to bring a folder to keep their work and new communication strategies safe to go home with them. Come join us for a speech-tacular time at the Articulation Academy!

Class 103am - No Drama, Drama Club! : K-3 (Max 12 Students)
Session 1: Morning Class: 8:00-11:00 am
Instructors: *Ivonne Alvelo and Stefanie Maynard*
Class Description:

Come play with us! This class is a great introduction to putting together a theater production from start to finish. Students will help write a script, design and create scenery, plan and produce costumes and become a character. Each class will begin with theater games designed to team build, break down walls and get to know each other. Please bring a snack and an open, playful mind!

Class 104am - Intro to Dance : K-3 (Max 15 Students)
Session 1: Morning Class: 8:00-11:00 am
Instructor: *Therese Brigham*
Class Description:

In this introduction to dance styles class, students will learn the basics of ballet, jazz, tap, and lyrical styles of dancing. Students should come prepared to move (form-fitting clothes are best, with layers so that as they warm up they can accommodate). Water bottles and a snack should be brought to class every day. While dance shoes are not required, if students have any type of dance shoe, they should be brought to class. Otherwise, bare feet are welcomed. Students will explore various forms of dance, watch dance clips and presentations, learn basic choreography, and work with partners and in small groups on dance techniques, concepts, and skills.

Class 105am - Disney Imagineering at Nisky SEP! : Grades 4-6 (Max 10 Students)
Session 1: Morning Class: 8:00-11:00 am
Instructor: *Bree Moran*
Class Description:

This unique program invites students to immerse themselves in the magical world of theme park design, all while utilizing Chromebook devices to bring their creative visions to life. Throughout the summer, participants will engage in hands-on activities and team-building exercises, drawing inspiration from the iconic Walt Disney World and Disney's classics. In addition to unleashing their creativity, students will gain valuable technology skills by working with instructional tech apps such as Padlet, Canva, and Adobe Express, learning to navigate digital tools essential for their projects. Together, they will collaborate to conceptualize and create their very own theme parks, showcasing their innovation and teamwork. Whether they are passionate Disney fans or budding engineers, students are sure to have a blast as they embark on this imaginative journey!

Class 106am - Digital Art : Grades 6-8 (Max 12 Students)
Session 1: Morning Class: 8:00-11:00 am
Instructor: *Katie Chwazik*
Class Description:

Experiment with a variety of digital and physical techniques in a series of hands-on projects, including digital photography, stop motion animation, digital drawing and painting, and digital animation. Campers will use art supplies and art iPads provided, and will have opportunities to create individually or collaboratively.

Class 107am - Nisky Capoeira : Grades 9-11 (Max 16 Students)
Session 1: Morning Class: 8:00-11:00 am
Instructor: *Ninoska Cuzco*
Class Description:

Learn Capoeira! Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that closely resembles a dance. The art was formed by African slaves in Brazil. Learn the history of Capoeira and Portuguese through singing Capoeira songs, and physical fitness through engaging in Capoeira conditioning and practice. Participate in a roda at the end of each class, demonstrating your new skills! Wear athletic attire and bring a water bottle.

[Registration link](#)
via Linq Connect

Class 108pm - Science Fun: K-1 (Max 6 Students)
Session 1: Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 pm
Instructor: Sherry Jonas
Class Description:

Come and explore the world of science through a variety of sensory experiences. We will make slime, calming bottles, perform various types of experiments and more! So, if you like to have fun and enjoy science (and even get a little messy) then this program is for you!

Class 109pm - Sensory and Science: K-2 (Max 12 Students)
Session 1: Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 pm
Instructors: *Ashley Smith and Kaci Messier*
Class Description:

Join us for a hands-on sensory experience where children can discover science through their senses! We'll use common kitchen items to engage in fun experiments and activities. Some of the exciting things we will create include edible slime, cool whip paint, and ice cream made in a bag.

Class 110pm - Disney, Dessert & Dance! : K-2 (Max 16 Students)
Session 1: Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 pm
Instructors: *Rebecca Farrell and Paula Miller*
Class Description:

Do you love anything and everything Disney? WE DO! Do you like dessert? WE DO!! Do you like to dance? WE DO!!! During each session of "Disney, Dessert & Dance!", we will start and end with a dance party, make and/or decorate the "most magical" Disney themed treats, make/design a Disney craft, and sing & dance! Come join us at "the happiest class on Earth!"

Class 111pm - **Digital Newspaper and Journalism: Grades 3-5 (Max 10 Students)**

Session 1: Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 pm
Instructor: *Bree Moran*
Class Description:

     Welcome to the Newspaper and Journalism Summer Enrichment Program for grades 3-5! This exciting initiative invites students to dive into the dynamic world of journalism, where they will learn to harness technology and digital media to produce their own news stories. Throughout the week, participants will work collaboratively to create a newsletter that will be sent home, honing their skills to become better journalists and media specialists in the future. Engaging in hands-on activities, students will cover essential journalistic skills, including research, interviewing, writing, and editing. They will utilize tools like Canva for design and research resources such as Britannica to gather accurate information. Additionally, students will explore the art of storytelling through multimedia elements like podcasts, videos, and interactive graphics. This program aims to empower young journalists to express their voices and perspectives while gaining valuable skills that will prepare them for future endeavors in the field of media!

Class 112pm - **Ozobot & Sphero Robots: Grades 4-5 (Max 20 Students)**

Session 1: Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 pm
Instructors: *Cindy Denney and Kate Kirkpatrick*
Class Description:

     Welcome to the world of robots!! Ozobots and Spheros are programmable robots that are designed to empower coding and STEM education. Students will use OzoBlocky, a block coding website to code and program an Ozobot. When block coding with Ozobots, students will enhance their skills in computational thinking, problem-solving, and creativity, learn to sequence, debug, and use loops and conditionals.

     Students will use tile combinations to move a Sphero on a path from one location to another. In doing this, students will learn to control robot movement (distance, speed, direction) through programming. They engage in sequencing tiles to create desired outcomes, and they learn to think logically to solve problems. During this class, students will use problem solving skills, logical thinking, and learn to think and act like an engineer while exploring their creativity and inventiveness. Ozobots & Spheros explore infinite ways to create, learn, inspire, and have fun! Participants will need to bring their school Chromebook to class every week.

Class 113pm - Intro to Dance: Grades 4-6 (Max 15 Students)

Session 1: Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 pm
Instructor: *Therese Brigham*
Class Description:

In this introduction to dance styles class, students will learn the basics of ballet, jazz, tap, and lyrical styles of dancing. Students should come prepared to move (form-fitting clothes are best, with layers so that as they warm up they can accommodate). Water bottles and a snack should be brought to class every day. While dance shoes are not required, if students have any type of dance shoe, they should be brought to class. Otherwise, bare feet are welcomed. Students will explore various forms of dance, watch dance clips and presentations, learn basic choreography, and work with partners and in small groups on dance techniques, concepts, and skills.

Class 114pm - Dungeons & Dragons: Grades 5-7 (Max 12 Students)

Session 1: Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 pm
Instructor: *Maddy Pollack*
Class Description:

Calling all brave adventurers! Do you want to explore fantastical lands while solving puzzles, defeating evil foes, and completing epic quests? Whether you are a complete beginner or a seasoned pro, come learn how to play the classic tabletop roleplaying game Dungeons & Dragons (D&D). D&D is an improvisational game of fantasy in which players and the Game Master co-create a world where successes and failures depend on the roll of the dice. This course aims to introduce students to the game and give them the resources they need to continue with their friends and family after the week has ended. Please come with a notebook, writing utensils, and your chromebook. Character sheets and dice will be provided.

Class 115pm - Digital Art : Grades 6-8 (Max 12 Students)

Session 1: Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 pm
Instructor: *Katie Chwazik*
Class Description:

Experiment with a variety of digital and physical techniques in a series of hands-on projects, including digital photography, stop motion animation, digital drawing and painting, and digital animation. Campers will use art supplies and art iPads provided, and will have opportunities to create individually or collaboratively.

Class 116pm - Teen Art Camp : Grades 7-11 (Max 10 Students)
Session 1: Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 pm
Instructor: *Stephanie Palazeke*
Class Description:

Get ready for a creative adventure! This summer, students in grades 7-11 can dive into a pre-college art program where you can build your portfolio or just have a blast making art! Whether you're preparing for college or just love to create, Mrs. Palazeke will guide you with fun prompts and hands-on support to bring your artistic ideas to life. College-bound students will get personalized tips to craft the perfect portfolio and application, while everyone else can experiment with new materials, paint on stretched canvas, and explore their creativity in a relaxed and inspiring atmosphere!

Registration link
via Linq Connect

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Class 117am - Articulation Academy : K-2 (Max 6 Students)
Session 2: Morning Class: 8:00-11:00 am
Instructor: *Alysa Ebenhoch*
Class Description:

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Class 118am - Ozobot & Sphero Robots: Grades 2-3 (Max 20 Students)
Session 2: Morning Class: 8:00-11:00 am
Instructor: *Cindy Denney and Kate Kirkpatrick*
Class Description:

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Class 119am - AI Carnival at Nisky SEP! : Grades 4-6 (Max 10 Students)
Session 2: Morning Class: 8:00-11:00 am
Instructor: *Bree Moran*
Class Description:

This innovative program invites students to explore the exciting world of artificial intelligence and discover creative ways to integrate AI into their classroom projects. Throughout the week, participants will engage in hands-on activities, collaborating in group settings to tackle unique challenges. Students will have the opportunity to work with dynamic applications like Canva and Adobe Express, as they create mini projects that showcase their understanding of AI technologies. This program will not only enhance their technical skills but also encourage collaboration and creativity, allowing students to unleash their potential while having fun in a carnival-themed atmosphere!

Class 120am - Crafts for Teens : Grades 7-11 (Max 10 Students)
Session 2: Morning Class: 8:00-11:00 am
Instructor: *Stephanie Palazeke*
Class Description:

Get ready for a week of crafty fun! Students in grades 7-11 will dive into hands-on projects using paper, yarn, and felt. Each day brings a new creative adventure—folding awesome origami, creating fun felted designs, customizing t-shirts, making your very own dreamcatcher, and sewing a cool pencil pouch. Whether you're a craft pro or just starting out, you'll leave with a collection of unique, handmade creations and lots of new skills!

Class 121am - Fire & Emergency Medical Services Program (Special Class) : Grades 10-12 (Max 25 Students)
Please note: This class is free of charge.
Session 2: Morning Class: 8:00-11:00 am
Instructor: *Lieutenant Nick Persons*
Class Description:

Niskayuna Fire District No.1
1079 Balltown Road
Niskayuna NY 12309
(518)374-8386
Fire and Life Safety Education/Community Outreach

Day	Topic	Skill
Monday	Introduction to Fire Service	0800-0900 Station Tour – Balltown Road Fire Station 0915-1015 Presentation Fire Behavior/Career & V ol. Options 1030-1100 Digital Fire Extinguisher Trainer
Tuesday	Engine Company	0800-0900 Hose-lines 0915-1015 Pump Ops/Engine Introduction 1030-1100 Hydrants and Water Supply
Wednesday	Truck Company	0800-0900 Ground Ladders/ Aerial Ladder Demonstration 0915-1015 Forcible Entry (FE Simulator) 1030-1100 Search and Rescue (Thermal Imaging)
Thursday	Emergency Medical Services*	0800-0900 Hands Only CPR 0915-1015 First Aid/ Stop the Bleed 1030-1100 Ambulance and Mankin skills
Friday	Rescue Company	0800-0900 Rope Rescue 0915-1015 Auto Extrication/Airbag Drill 1030-1100 NFD2 Rescue Truck Demonstration

The Fire & EMS Summer Enrichment Program offers students an opportunity to see various aspects of firefighter and emergency medical service responders' responsibilities. Each day would consist of a specific discipline that many firefighters must be proficient in. Students will have the chance to learn about career and volunteer opportunities for their future while performing or observing many exciting skills and tactics.

Class 123pm - Beads, Buttons & Baubles : Grades 2-3 (Max 6 Students)
Session 2: Afternoon Class 12:00-3:00
Instructor: *Sherry Jonas*
Class Description:

Are you creative? Do you like to make jewelry with beads? If so, then come and explore the many ways to use a variety of beads and even buttons. Not only will we design some jewelry, we will string bead animals, create with fuse beads, assemble a wind chime, and even make our own beads! So get your creative juices flowing!

Class 124pm - Ozobot & Sphero Robots: Grades 4-5 (Max 20 Students)
Session 2: Afternoon Class 12:00-3:00
Instructor: *Cindy Denney and Kate Kirkpatrick*
Class Description:

Welcome to the world of robots!! Ozobots and Spheros are programmable robots that are designed to empower coding and STEM education. Students will use OzoBlocky, a block coding website to code and program an Ozobot. When block coding with Ozobots, students will enhance their skills in computational thinking, problem-solving, and creativity, learn to sequence, debug, and use loops and conditionals.
Students will use tile combinations to move a Sphero on a path from one location to another. In doing this, students will learn to control robot movement (distance, speed, direction) through programming. They engage in sequencing tiles to create desired outcomes, and they learn to think logically to solve problems. During this class, students will use problem solving skills, logical thinking, and learn to think and act like an engineer while exploring their creativity and inventiveness. Ozobots & Spheros explore infinite ways to create, learn, inspire, and have fun! Participants will need to bring their school Chromebook to class every week.

Class 125pm - Ortiz' Crochet Club : Grades 4-6 (Max 6 Students)
Session 2: Afternoon Class 12:00-3:00
Instructor: *Chris Ortiz*
Class Description:

Come crochet and make something you'll cherish forever! Completely new to crochet? That's okay! Learn the basics and create a project of your very own. Student's will leave the week with a stuffed creation made by their own hands. A returning student or already have some crochet skills? Get specific help on a project you're working on, or experiment with new projects to challenge your skills. All materials will be provided and students can even take their crochet hooks home after the class to continue their crochet journey.

Class 126pm - Digital Newspaper and Journalism : Grades 6-8 (Max 10 Students)
Session 2: Afternoon Class 12:00-3:00
Instructor: *Bree Moran*

   Welcome to the Newspaper and Journalism Summer Enrichment Program for grades 6, 7 & 8! This exciting initiative invites students to dive into the dynamic world of journalism, where they will learn to harness technology and digital media to produce their own news stories. Throughout the week, participants will work collaboratively to create a newsletter that will be sent home, honing their skills to become better journalists and media specialists in the future. Engaging in hands-on activities, students will cover essential journalistic skills, including research, interviewing, writing, and editing. They will utilize tools like Canva for design and research resources such as Britannica to gather accurate information. Additionally, students will explore the art of storytelling through multimedia elements like podcasts, videos, and interactive graphics. This program aims to empower young journalists to express their voices and perspectives while gaining valuable skills that will prepare them for future endeavors in the field of media!

Class 127pm - **Dungeons & Dragons : Grades 8-11 (Max 12 Students)**
Session 2: Afternoon Class 12:00-3:00
Instructor: *Maddy Pollack*
Class Description:

      Calling all brave adventurers! Do you want to explore fantastical lands while solving puzzles, defeating evil foes, and completing epic quests? Whether you are a complete beginner or a seasoned pro, come learn how to play the classic tabletop roleplaying game Dungeons & Dragons (D&D). D&D is an improvisational game of fantasy in which players and the Game Master co-create a world where successes and failures depend on the roll of the dice. This course aims to introduce students to the game and give them the resources they need to continue with their friends and family after the week has ended. Please come with a notebook, writing utensils, and your chromebook. Character sheets and dice will be provided.

Class 128pm - **Personal Memoir Writing : Grades 7-11 (Max 15 Students)**
Session 2: Afternoon Class 12:00-3:00
Instructor: *Tim Jeffreys*
Class Description:

      This class is designed to help you create descriptive personal memoirs that can reveal and reflect your evolving identity. Class will utilize individual teacher feedback, peer review sessions, and exceptional models to instruct students on how to enhance their individual voice onto the page. Students can use their writing in this class to process their self-image, articulate personal goals, or craft what could become a powerful college essay.

[Registration link](#)
via Linq Connect

Class 129am - STEAM Club : K-2 (Max 8 Students) (Full)

Session 3: Morning Class: 8:00-11:00 am

I**nstructor:**

Class Description: *Nicole Chiudina*

Calling all scientists, technology enthusiasts, engineering fanatics, artists and mathematicians! STEAM Club will have different projects throughout the week where you will work together in groups to solve problems and reach a goal. Get ready to think outside the box. Think: design, create, build, and test!

Class 130am - Interior Design : Grades 3-5 (Max 12 Students)

Session 3: Morning Class: 8:00-11:00 am

I**nstructors:** *Chloe Dudla and Jane Grant*

Class Description:

Step into your own work of art and reimagine the spaces around you with the magic of interior design! Learn the ins and outs of creating your dream bedroom, art studio, kitchen, or gaming room. The possibilities are endless! Develop valuable real-life skills in design and spatial awareness, and unleash your inner architect by drawing in one-point perspective, inventing and building model furniture, and learning how to make a space your own down to the throw pillows!

Class 131am - AI Carnival at Nisky SEP! : Grades 6-8 (Max 10 Students)

Session 3: Morning Class: 8:00-11:00 am

I**nstructor:** *Bree Moran*

Class Description:

This innovative program invites students to explore the exciting world of artificial intelligence and discover creative ways to integrate AI into their classroom projects. Throughout the week, participants will engage in hands-on activities, collaborating in group settings to tackle unique challenges. Students will have the opportunity to work with dynamic applications like Canva and Adobe Express, as they create mini projects that showcase their understanding of AI technologies. This program will not only enhance their technical skills but also encourage collaboration and creativity, allowing students to unleash their potential while having fun in a carnival-themed atmosphere!

Class 132am - Nisky Capoeira : Grades 9-11 (Max 16 Students)
Session 3: Morning Class: 8:00-11:00 am
Instructor: *Ninoska Cuzco*
Class Description:

Learn Capoeira! Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that closely resembles a dance. The art was formed by African slaves in Brazil. Learn the history of Capoeira and Portuguese through singing Capoeira songs, and physical fitness through engaging in Capoeira conditioning and practice. Participate in a roda at the end of each class, demonstrating your knew skills! Wear athletic attire and bring a water bottle.

Class 133pm - Lava Lamp Lab : Grades K-3 (Max 8 Students) **(FULL)**
Session 3: Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 pm
I**nstructors:** *Tina George and Shayna Howe*
Class Description:

In our summer enrichment program, participants will have the exciting opportunity to create their very own lava lamps! This hands-on activity combines science and art, allowing kids to explore concepts like density and chemical reactions. Using simple materials like water, oil, food coloring, and effervescent tablets, they'll learn how different substances interact and create mesmerizing visual effects. Not only will they take home a unique lava lamp, but they'll also gain a deeper understanding of scientific principles in a fun and engaging way. It's a perfect blend of creativity and learning for a memorable summer experience!

Class 134pm - STEAM Club : Grades 3-5 (Max 8 Students)
Session 3: Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 pm
I**nstructor:** *Nicole Chiudina*
Class Description:

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Class 135pm- Art of Animation : Grades 3-5 (Max 12 Students)
Session 3: Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 pm
I**nstructor:** *Chloe Dudla*
Class Description:

Do you love technology and art? Are you interested in stop motion animation, engineering, or optical illusions? Art in animation explores not only how technology can create animated artworks, but also does a deep dive into the hands-on roots of where animation came from. Learn how to trick the eyes and the brain by creating flip books, zoetropes, thaumatropes, and collaborative short films.

Class 136pm - Got Game? : Grades 4-5 (Max 6 Students)

Session 3: Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 pm

I**nstructor:** *Sherry Jonas*

Class Description:

Do you enjoy some good old-fashioned fun, like playing cards & board games? If so, come and explore when games started and what the oldest game is. In addition to playing some favorites like Monopoly, Life, Scrabble, & UNO, you will have the opportunity to design and create a card game and a board game that you will take home at the end of the week!

Class 137pm - Disney Imagineering at Nisky SEP! : Grades 5-8 (Max 10 Students)

Session 3: Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 pm

I**nstructor:** *Bree Moran*

Class Description:

This unique program invites students to immerse themselves in the magical world of theme park design, all while utilizing Chromebook devices to bring their creative visions to life. Throughout the summer, participants will engage in hands-on activities and team-building exercises, drawing inspiration from the iconic Walt Disney World and Disney's classics. In addition to unleashing their creativity, students will gain valuable technology skills by working with instructional tech apps such as Padlet, Canva, and Adobe Express, learning to navigate digital tools essential for their projects. Together, they will collaborate to conceptualize and create their very own theme parks, showcasing their innovation and teamwork. Whether they are passionate Disney fans or budding engineers, students are sure to have a blast as they embark on this imaginative journey!

Class 138pm - Game Design: Make Your Own Tabletop Roleplaying Game (TTRPG) : Gr. 6-11 (Max 15 Students)

Session 3: Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 pm

I**nstructor:** *Maddy Pollack*

Class Description:

Are you interested in running creative, storytelling-based strategy games like Dungeons & Dragons for your friends? Design your OWN unique tabletop roleplaying game (TTRPG)! Tabletop Roleplaying Games (TTRPGs) are games that incorporate creativity, strategy and perspective-taking for players to collaboratively tell a story. Create a world, game mechanics, lore and maps. At the end of the week we will publish our own zine and/or one-page TTRPG and character sheets. Please come with a notebook, writing utensils, and your chromebook. Dice will be provided.

Class 140pm - Personal Memoir Writing : Grades 7-11 (Max 15 Students)

Session 3: Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 pm

I**nstructor:** *Tim Jeffreys*

Class Description:

This class is designed to help you create descriptive personal memoirs that can reveal and reflect your evolving identity. Class will utilize individual teacher feedback, peer review sessions, and exceptional models to instruct students on how to enhance their individual voice onto the page. Students can use their writing in this class to process their self-image, articulate personal goals, or craft what could become a powerful college essay.

Class 141pm - Ortiz' Crochet Club : Grades 7-11 (Max 6 Students)

Session 3: Afternoon Class: 12:00-3:00 pm

I**nstructor:** *Chris Ortiz*

Class Description:

Come crochet and make something you'll cherish forever! Completely new to crochet? That's okay! Learn the basics and create a project of your very own. Student's will leave the week with a stuffed creation made by their own hands. A returning student or already have some crochet skills? Get specific help on a project you're working on, or experiment with new projects to challenge your skills. All materials will be provided and students can even take their crochet hooks home after the class to continue their crochet journey.

Registration link
via Linq Connect

Staying for a second class?

Class 142: L&R - **Lunch and Recess: Session 1**
(Only for students taking a morning and afternoon class for this week)
July 7th-July 11th
Session 1: Lunch and Recess: 11:00am-12:00pm

Class 143: L&R - **Lunch and Recess: Session 2**
(Only for students taking a morning and afternoon class for this week)
July 14th-July 18th
Session 1: Lunch and Recess: 11:00am-12:00pm

Class 144: L&R - **Lunch and Recess: Session 3**
(Only for students taking a morning and afternoon class for this week)
July 21st-July 25th
Session 1: Lunch and Recess: 11:00am-12:00pm

Registration link
via Linq Connect

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SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM 2025
TIMELINE – REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

Important Dates
The **Summer Enrichment Program** is a self-sustaining program with all expenses paid out of registration fees. Once the registration period ends on **May 23, 2025:** ● Classes that have not met the minimum enrollment will be cancelled by the District and a full refund will be given. ● If a registrant cancels during the cancellation period – June 2nd through June 13th – a refund, less a $15 cancellation fee, will be given. ● No refunds will be given after **June 13, 2025** Please be advised that refunds can take three to four weeks to be processed.

April 24th - May 23rd	● Registration open via LINQ Connect ● Registration is on a first come, first served basis ● CREDIT CARD PAYMENT IN FULL is necessary at the time of registration
June 2nd - June 6th	● Classes that do not meet minimum enrollment will be canceled by the District and full refunds processed ● A FULL refund (via check) will be issued ONLY if a class is cancelled by the District (the processing fee from Linq is not refundable) ● A processing fee of $15 per class will be charged for registrations canceled by the family during the cancelation period – **June 2nd-13th.**
June 9th - June 13th	● Class lists finalized ● June 13 is the FINAL DATE for families to cancel a registration – a processing fee of $15 will be charged for each canceled class
June 16th - June 27th	● Final details sent to families by instructors

Important to note:
- Once a class reaches the maximum registration, it will be closed and no longer visible on the signup..
- There will not be a waitlist for classes.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM 2025 Payments

PAYMENTS

We will be collecting payment for SEP classes using the District's online payment service [Registration link](#) *via Linq Connect.*

THIS IS THE SAME SYSTEM AS THE ONE USED TO PAY FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES.

If you do not already have LINQ Connect account, you will need to register for an account and add your student(s) to your account. When creating your account for the first time, you will need your child's name and birth date, and their student ID number. The student ID number can be found in the PowerSchool Parent Portal on the Student Information page.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM 2025
FAQ

MY 7th GRADER REALLY WANTS TO TAKE THE ART PORTFOLIO CLASS - IT SAYS IT'S ONLY FOR GRADES 9-12. CAN I SIGN THEM UP ANYWAY?
- PLEASE DO NOT sign your child up for a class that does not match their current grade level.
- Teachers were asked to give a suitable grade level range for their classes based on content
- Check that your child's CURRENT GRADE LEVEL matches the acceptable grade level for each session - submissions that do not match will be canceled and charged a processing fee

THE MORNING SESSION ENDS AT 11:00AM AND THE AFTERNOON SESSION STARTS AT 12:00PM. CAN MY CHILD JUST STAY AND EAT LUNCH BETWEEN SESSIONS?
- Midday supervision is available for students at an additional cost, and will only be for students who are enrolled in both a morning and afternoon class in the same week. Registration for lunch and recess coverage is listed in the brochure as L&R - Lunch and Recess: Session 1, 2, and 3.

WHEN WILL I KNOW IF MY CHILD GOT INTO THE CLASSES THEY WANT TO GO TO?
- Class lists will be finalized the week of June 9-13
- Families will be contacted by the instructor via email with room numbers and final details the weeks of June 16-27
- Please make sure you provide an accurate email address that you check frequently

CAN MY CHILD TAKE A BUS FROM ONE NISKAYUNA SUMMER PROGRAM TO THE SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AT ROSENDALE?
- Transportation will NOT be provided between programs.
- Parent(s) or guardian(s) need to provide transportation to and from the program
- Participants with written permission from parents may walk to the school to attend a class.

IF YOU STILL HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM, PLEASE EMAIL: cdenney@niskyschools.org or ljones@niskyschools.org