

Manlius Pebble Hill School

Summer Enrichment Programs for Grades 6 - 12

Manlius Pebble Hill School is offering online and in-class enrichment classes this summer. Each in class program will be limited in size and adhere to NYS guidelines safety procedures. Please see our Safety Guidelines for Enrichment Programs, as well as additional details on our classes, on our website at mphschool.org.

College Application Essay – Online Class this Summer

Entering Grades 11-12

Dates: June 29-July 2

Time: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Several full-class meetings, as well as individual writing conferences with each student)

Cost: \$280

Just what are college application readers looking for in an essay? How does my essay affect my chances? What on Earth should I write about? If these questions have crossed your mind, help is on the way! In this weeklong course, we will demystify the essay and get you thinking about how to make this challenging portion of the application work for you. We'll look at how the essay fits into the application process, as well as some important dos and don'ts. Once you've read a varied selection of successful essays, you will dive into the process from developing ideas to drafting and finally to editing. We will provide you with the topics presented on the Common Application, but we welcome you to bring in topics from specific colleges, as well.

Taught by MPH English Teacher Pat Bentley Hoke

Photoshop in the Fast Lane – On Campus

Entering grades 7-9

Dates: June 29-July 2 (Week 1)

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$210

Photoshop is the most versatile graphic design software in existence. Whether you want to change the hue of a sunrise, add yourself into the picture of an epic fantasy adventure, or design the family postcard, this program can do it all. Photoshop in the Fast Lane is a crash course into the most powerful image manipulation tool. Students will learn how to create and edit imagery for purposes varying from creating memes to designing and printing their own stickers. Selection tools, image adjustments, blending options, vector creation, and image exporting are just a handful of the skills explored in this course.

Taught by professional graphic artist and educator Deb Foster

The Cinematic Experience – On Campus

Entering grades 7-9

Dates: June 29-July 2 (Week 1)

Time: 12:45-3:45 p.m.

Cost: \$210

Thanks to sites like YouTube and Vimeo, the participatory world of visual media development is now open to everyone. The Cinematic Experience is a hands-on production course where students will learn how to shoot, edit, export, and publish their own motion picture films. The class will work together to create a series of short films ranging from fictional narrative to documentary and found footage. Students can expect to learn film theory, shot composition, camera mechanics, the Adobe Premiere editing suite, and methods of digital publication. **Taught by professional graphic artist and educator Deb Foster**

Introduction to Fiction Writing – On Campus

Entering Grades 8-12

Dates: July 6-10 (Week 2)

Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$100

It was a dark and stormy night... and then they lived happily ever after! Perhaps not the best way to start and end our story. This course is an introduction to writing works of fiction, with the focus primarily on short stories. Students will have the opportunity to plan and write a short story and be introduced to introductory fundamentals and techniques of writing short works of fiction. Select published short stories will be read throughout the course to provide examples of these techniques and to expand upon students' literary experience. Students with an interest in writing will have the opportunity to strengthen their skills and show off their creative ideas.

Taught by MPH substitute English Teacher Nichelle Pawlikowski

Design Your Own Business – On Campus

Entering grades 6-10

Dates: July 13-17 (Week 3)

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$155

Create your own business by designing promotional materials. Design a website by using a free website builder. Produce your own video commercials and add it to your site. Create your own flyer and business cards using Adobe Photoshop.

Taught by professional graphic artist and educator Deb Foster

Stop Motion Animation for Instagram – On Campus

Entering grades 6-10

Dates: July 21 and 22 (two days)

Time: 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$140

Design stop motion videos to upload to Instagram. Stop motion is an animation technique that uses objects moved in small increments between photographed frames, which creates the illusion of movement when you play the series of frames continuously. Stop motion works with all different subjects and objects - people, chairs, clay figures, umbrellas, and anything that can move is fair game. You can make two bananas walk down a street and do a jig if you want.

Taught by professional graphic artist and educator Deb Foster

Study Skills I – On Campus

Entering grades 6-8

Dates: July 13-17 (Week 3)

Time: 9:00-10:45 a.m.

Cost: \$140

Study Skills II – On Campus

Entering grades 9-12

Dates: July 13-17 (Week 3)

Time: 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$160

Academic organization, study skills, and independent work habits are critical for all students as they face increasing time-management demands to meet study and homework requirements. The goal of this course is to teach students how to learn by using effective strategies. Students will identify their own learning styles and develop strategies for personal organization, reading, time management, memory devices, test taking, note taking, and textbook organization.

Taught by MPH Director of Academic Support Colleen Congel

Writing Skills I – Online Class this Summer

Entering grades 6-8

Dates: July 13-30 (Monday-Thursday)

Cost: \$250

Schedule each week:

Mondays and Tuesdays, 10:15 – 10:40 a.m.: Class meets online

Wednesdays: Writing activity to be done offline with teacher available over email for extra help

Thursdays, 10:15-11:25 a.m.: Class meets online

The course focuses on topics ranging from basic parts of speech to thesis development. Other topics that will be discussed include: sentence construction, punctuation, verb tenses, and paragraph development. Each writer works at their own pace.

Taught by MPH Academic Support Teacher Tyra TwomeySmith

Writing Skills II - Online Class this Summer

Entering grades 9-12

Dates: July 13-30 (Monday-Thursday)

Cost: \$180

Online schedule each week:

Mondays and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.: Class meets online

Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.: Class meets online

Wednesdays: Writing activity to be done offline with teacher available over email for extra help

In order to enroll in Writing Skills II, the student should have a good working knowledge of basic writing skills (see above—Writing Skills 1). Writing Skills II is a one-week course. Exposition writing (argumentative, 2-3 page papers), textual incorporation (quotes, in-text citations, and works cited page), and introductory research skills will be the topics discussed in this course. Each writer works at their own pace.

Taught by MPH Academic Support Teacher Tyra TwomeySmith