



# Enrichment Program

## Spring 2026 Catalog

Enrichment classes begin Monday, January 12, 2026



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# 2025-2026 ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMING AT PEORIA ACADEMY

Peoria Academy's Enrichment Program offers unique experiences in the arts, academics, and athletics. It is an essential part of our holistic approach to education.

We welcome both Peoria Academy and non-Peoria Academy students to enroll in enrichment offerings and club sports. Only currently enrolled Peoria Academy students are eligible for IESA athletics.

Semester Pricing is the charge for the entire class. Price per class is for your information only. Students must be registered for the semester. There will not be a class by class charge.

***Please don't forget to review our Clubs and Athletics offerings at the back of this guide!***

## FALL ENRICHMENT DATES

**Begins:** Monday, January 12, 2026

**Ends:** Monday, May 11, 2026

For group enrichment activities, makeup classes will be scheduled for

May 12th - May 18th, unless otherwise specified by the instructor.

*To maintain program excellence, Peoria Academy may adjust or cancel an enrichment or athletic program, at its discretion, based on a variety of factors like enrollment totals in a particular offering. Updates will be provided as soon as available.*



## HOURS

**Building Hours:**

7:00 am - 5:30 pm

**Before Care:**

7:00 am - 8:00 am

**After Care:**

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

**Extended Care:**

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

**Music Lessons:**

Begin at 3:00 pm

**Enrichment Classes:**

3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

4:15 pm - 5:15 pm

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Enrichment and After Care Phone:**

309-868-7616

**Main Office Phone:**

309-692-7570

**Email:**

[mbennett@peoriaacademy.org](mailto:mbennett@peoriaacademy.org)



# BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Before Care	After Care	Extended Care
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
\$6.25 per half hour	\$6.25 per half hour	\$6.25 per half hour
\$12.50 per day	\$12.50 per day	\$12.50 per day
<b>(semester pricing \$700) 40% discount over drop-in rates!</b>	<b>(semester pricing \$700) 40% discount over drop-in rates!</b>	<b>(semester pricing \$700) 40% discount over drop-in rates!</b>

**Peoria Academy will close at 5:30pm (exceptions include school functions, sporting events, etc.) Students not picked up by 5:30pm will be charged \$1 per minute until parent/guardian arrives.**

Students enrolled in athletics, a 4:15 -5:15 pm enrichment class, or individual lessons may attend After Care for free before that activity (only available the day of and until the practice/lesson/class begins). If not picked up after the practice/lesson/class ends, the drop-in rates of \$6.25 per half hour will apply, unless it is after 5:30 PM, then it is \$1 per minute.

## CAMP PA

Are you looking for engaging and enriching activities for your children to do on half days at Peoria Academy? Look no further, Peoria Academy has you covered! Camp PA offers your children the chance to participate in athletic activities, games, arts & crafts, musical explorations and much more. Don't forget to pack a lunch for your student and have them wear comfortable clothing to run around, play, and learn!

### Camp PA

**\$30 per day (11:30 am - 3:00 pm)**

**\$50 per day w/ extended care included (11:30 am - 5:30 pm)**

February 13th, 2026

March 13th, 2026

April 17th, 2026

**If your student is not pre-registered before the day of Camp PA, there will be a \$20 drop-in fee, in addition to the regular fee.**



# PEORIA ACADEMY

## ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

### STUDY HALL

**Advisor: Brandon Jordan**

Students enrolled in after care will be given the option to stay in the library/gym, go outside to play (when feasible), **or** attend quiet study hall. Study hall is a quiet space for students to independently work on their schoolwork. Parents may choose to send their students to study hall by notifying Mrs. Bennett for the week via email [mbennett@peoriaacademy.org](mailto:mbennett@peoriaacademy.org), messaging on Parent Square, or calling 309-868-7616.

**FREE, if enrolled in Aftercare or \$6.25 per half hour**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**

### TUTORING

**Mrs. Rankin (PRE-K - 4TH)**

[joanie-5@hotmail.com](mailto:joanie-5@hotmail.com)

**Ms. Kellenberger (K - 5TH)**

[kkellenberger@peoriaacademy.org](mailto:kkellenberger@peoriaacademy.org)

**Ms. Amina (Middle School Math Only)**

[amechkor@peoriaacademy.org](mailto:amechkor@peoriaacademy.org)

**Mrs. Buck (PRE-K - 4TH)**

[rbuck@peoriaacademy.org](mailto:rbuck@peoriaacademy.org)

**Mrs. Watkins (K - 4TH)**

[ewatkins@peoriaacademy.org](mailto:ewatkins@peoriaacademy.org)

**Senorita Hardy (Middle School Spanish, English, History)**

[bhardy@peoriaacademy.org](mailto:bhardy@peoriaacademy.org)

If you are interested in before or after-school tutoring for your child at Peoria Academy, you may contact one of the listed teachers by email or Parent Square. They will let you know their availability and coordinate scheduling within building operating hours. Peoria Academy families will then be billed bi-weekly through FACTS for services used. Non-Peoria Academy families must prepay for the semester. There will be no refunds for tutoring.

**\$37.50 per half hour**

**BEFORE SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL MAY BE AVAILABLE, PLEASE INQUIRE**





# MONDAY

## **GUITAR / BASS / BANJO / UKULELE / SIGHT SINGING (K - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Wes Sedrel**

Mr. Sedrel holds a B.A. in philosophy and music, and a Master's (MDiv) from Dubuque Theological Seminary. He is a member of the St. Martin Chamber Players, the Bradley University Guitar Ensemble, and Collegium Musicum at Bradley University.

### ***GUITAR, BASS, UKELELE & BANJO:***

I teach basic guitar technique, reading standard notation (not tablature.) I teach both notes and chords. I try to set the student up to go any direction she/he wishes, and to achieve independence. I teach some basic technique derived from classical guitar studies (these techniques work for all styles!) I also include basic music theory: ear training, chord structure, key signatures, time signatures, and (tonal) intervals. This will help the student with any music endeavor in the future.

### ***SIGHT SINGING & MUSIC THEORY:***

The immediate goal of my sight singing and music theory curriculum is for the student to be able to look at a line of music and to hear in their head, how it goes: in other words, to be able to sing it back without hearing it first. This is also known as ear training. I use solfège to accomplish this. This is simply the do re mi-fa sol la ti do scale with which many kids are already familiar.

Along with this I also teach basic music theory. This includes note names on the staff; key signatures, time signatures, and (tonal) intervals. This will help the student with any music endeavor in the future. *One thirty minute class per week.*

**\$430 per semester (\$30.72 per class/14 weeks)**

**3:30, 4:00, 4:30, & 5:00 PM**

## **VOICE LESSONS (2ND - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Maggie Sloter**

Students will work on vocal technique, performance skills, and audition preparation. We will also work on building confidence in singing and performing. Ms. Sloter holds a BM in Music Performance from Bradley University. She has taught voice lessons for the last 8 years at Kidder Music and is looking forward to the opportunity to work with students one on one in developing their singing skills!

*One thirty minute class per week.*

**\$430 per semester (\$30.72 per class/14 weeks)**

**3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, & 5:00 PM**

## **PIANO LESSONS (PRE-K - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Trisha Taylor**

Trisha Taylor is an experienced and passionate piano teacher with 8 years of teaching experience and a degree in Music Education with a piano proficiency. In addition to private lessons, Trisha has experience leading group classes and recitals, providing students with opportunities to build confidence, showcase their progress, and develop performance skills. Trisha's warm and encouraging teaching style makes her a favorite among students and parents alike, and she is committed to helping each student reach their fullest potential at their own pace.

*One thirty minute class per week. (returning group students sign up for Session 2 @3:30)*

**(PRE-K - 1st) GROUP LESSONS - 5 STUDENTS TOTAL/SESSION**

**\$165 per semester (\$11.79 per class/14 weeks)**

**3:00, 3:30 PM**

**(2ND - 8TH) INDIVIDUAL LESSONS**

**\$430 per semester (\$30.72 per class/14 weeks)**

**4:00, 4:30, 5:00 PM**



# MONDAY (CONTINUED)

## **MODEL UNITED NATIONS (5TH - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Holly Rocke**

MUN is an academic simulation in which student delegates learn about diplomacy, global politics and the United Nations. Delegates also enhance public speaking, debating, writing, critical thinking, and leadership skills. Participants will also have the opportunity to participate in virtual MUN conferences, in person travel events, and take leadership roles in our Peoria Academy MUN conference.

**\$305 per semester (\$21.79 per class/ 14 weeks)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

## **KOREAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE (4TH - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Caitlyn Piccioni**

This is a really fun and beginner-friendly class on Korean Language and Culture. Ms. Caitlyn loves learning about Korea and the Korean people and wants to share her appreciation for the culture as she learns along with you. We will be working on simple greetings, writing our names in Hangeul, learning the alphabet, playing games, crafts, and little bits of Korean culture.

**\$305 per semester (\$21.79 per class/ 14 weeks)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

## **CRAFT CLUB (3RD - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Melanie Andrews**

Craft Club is all about trying new things! Learn to knit. Try your hand at embroidery. Not sure what needle felting is? Come find out! Make cards and decorations for your room. Have a craft you've always wanted to try? We can learn it together! Our focus will be on learning the basics of many crafts with an emphasis on using recycled materials and up-cycling. Experimentation and creativity are required. Supplies provided. Ages 9 & up.

**\$325 per semester (\$23.22 per class/14 weeks) - supplies included**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

## **BULLDOG GYMNASTICS (K - 2ND)**

**Instructor: Joanie Rankin**

Come learn beginning tumbling, beam, and bar skills. Each skill is broken down into progressions to ensure safety and success! A gymnastics skill book will be included to track your progress and celebrate your achievements. Also included in beginning gymnastics is aerobic, strength, and flexibility training. Mrs. Rankin has taught gymnastics for many years and has worked with toddlers up to team competition levels.

**\$305 per semester (\$21.79 per class/ 14 weeks)**

**3:15 pm - 4:15 PM**

## **CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE (K - 2ND)**

**Instructor: Ms. Hu**

Ms. Hu is a Chinese teacher and Principal of Peoria Chinese Language School. She has over 10 years of Chinese teaching experience. In her 14 classes, she will teach students how to communicate well, including pronunciation and reading using pin yin. She will teach using dialogues, short stories, calligraphy, characters, games, Chinese festivals, food and other traditions.

**\$305 per semester (\$21.79 per class/14 weeks)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**



## MONDAY (CONTINUED)

### **PUZZLE MANIA (4TH - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Brooke Hardy**

In Puzzle mania, we will be doing a variety of games and puzzles, including jigsaw puzzles, crosswords, word searches, sudokus, and more! These games are a great way to increase brain activity, help improve problem solving skills, and instill a love of these classic games.

**\$305 per semester (\$21.79 per class/ 14 weeks)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

### **IMPROVISATIONAL COMEDY CLASS (5TH - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Dustin Beaver**

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of improvisational comedy. Students will explore the principles of spontaneous performance, storytelling, and collaboration while building skills in creativity, quick thinking, and stage presence.

**\$305 per semester (\$21.79 per class/ 14 weeks)**

**4:15 PM - 5:15 PM**

## TUESDAY

### **GUITAR / BASS / BANJO / UKULELE / SIGHT SINGING (K - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Wes Sedrel**

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- ***SIGHT SINGING & MUSIC THEORY***

*One thirty minute class per week*

**\$490 per semester (\$30.63 per class/16 weeks)**

**3:30, 4:00, 4:30, & 5:00 PM**

### **SOCCER SHOTS (2ND - 5TH)**

**Instructor: Coach Robert Taylor**

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**\$395 per semester (\$24.69 per class/16 weeks)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

### **MATH CLUB (7TH - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Amina Mechkor**

The Math Club enrichment program provides a motivating environment for students to explore and enhance key math concepts, develop IB subject knowledge, improve problem-solving skills, and enjoy math.

**\$345 per semester (\$21.57 per class/16 weeks)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**



## TUESDAY (CONTINUED)

### **PEORIA ACADEMY SPRING PLAY - THIS MURDER WAS STAGED (2ND - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Sandra Peters**

*Students will need to attend rehearsal/class Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:15 pm (Enroll on TUESDAYS ONLY)*

It's opening night of a brand-new mystery play, but just as the killer is about to be revealed, the body of the play's director falls on stage instead. In that moment, the theater becomes an active crime scene, and everyone from cast to crew to even the audience becomes a suspect. But how is the intrepid detective supposed to find the killer when everyone and their mother (literally) has a motive to want the demanding director gone? *This Murder Was Staged* is a fast-paced, backstabbing, backstage comedy from two of the writers of *The Alibis* and *Rogues' Gallery*.

**Performances are May 14th and 15th**

**Complete information on the final dress schedule will be sent home the first week of classes.**

**\$500 per semester (\$15.63 per class/16 weeks)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (PRE-K - K)**

**Instructor: Victoria Edwards**

Do you want to learn to sign? Ms. Victoria Edwards holds a B.A. degree in Deaf Studies and a M.A in Early Childhood Education from Cal State University, Northridge. During her time in the Deaf Studies program, she was fully immersed in the Deaf community, learning about the richness of American Sign Language and Deaf culture. In our Early Childhood class, we will learn the basics of ASL including colors, numbers, the days of the week, and more. Come enjoy ASL stories by Deaf storytellers, learn fun songs, and learn how to communicate in a new way!

***Limited to 10 students***

**\$345 per semester (\$21.57 per class/16 weeks)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

### **MANGA AND ANIME CLUB (5TH - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Dustin Beaver**

This club is intended to introduce students to the study of manga and anime, the Japanese arts of graphic storytelling. Through a combination of reading, group viewing, discussion, and analysis, students will explore manga's historical development, cultural context, narrative structure, visual style, and global impact. We will examine influential manga artists (mangaka), anime directors and their works, and consider how they inform and relate to issues of identity, history, politics, and popular culture.

**\$345 per semester (\$21.57 per class/16 weeks)**

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***This class will run January to March on Tuesday and Thursday (register on Tuesday)***

**\$375 per semester (\$19.73 per class/19 sessions)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**



## TUESDAY (CONTINUED)

### **GOLF CLUB (3RD -8TH) - *Class runs March 19th - May 7th***

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***This class will run March to May on Tuesday and Thursday (register on Tuesday)***

**\$305 per semester (\$23.47 per class/13 sessions)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

## WEDNESDAY

### **GUITAR / BASS / BANJO / UKULELE / SIGHT SINGING (K - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Wes Sedrel**

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**\$490 per semester (\$30.63 per class/16 weeks)**

**3:30, 4:00, 4:30, & 5:00 PM**

### **MAD SCIENCE (2ND - 6TH)**

**Instructor: Scott Corbin**

Come explore science with our middle school science teacher! Through hands-on activities, cool demonstrations, and engaging experiments, we will spark curiosity and build a strong scientific foundation in a fun, interactive way while complementing classroom learning. Children will learn about topics like space, electricity, or biology.

**\$375 per semester (\$23.44 per class/16 weeks) - supplies included**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

### **JOURNALISM CLUB (5TH - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Holly Rocke**

Journalism club is a hands-on opportunity for students to apply journalistic skills and get creative. Students will get the chance to practice and apply skills in design, photography, and videography based on their interests.

**\$345 per semester (\$21.57 per class/16 weeks)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**



## WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

### **LITTLES STORY AND STOMP (PRE-K - K)**

**Instructor: Alysabeth Buck**

Little's Story and Stomp aims to create an atmosphere that allows littles to develop their motor skills through fun and creative activities. Some activities will include themed story time, dance and creative projects that are age appropriate.

**Limited to 10 students**

**\$345 per semester (\$21.57 per class/16 weeks)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

### **CHESS (K - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Pete Karagianis & Evan Lagouros**

**Assistants: Brian Russell & Mark Guzzardo**

Chess is a classic game that develops spatial thinking and strategies to build focused concentration. This class is geared to all levels of chess players. Beginners learn basic game rules and opening tactic moves. Intermediate and advanced players learn sophisticated combinations and strategies and advanced opening moves.

Pete Karagianis holds the chess titles of National Master and Life Master. Pete was a coach for the gold medal-winning 2019 Pan American Youth team. He was a five-time state champion of Iowa and won the Illinois Tour twice. Pete currently works as the Director of Events for the US Chess Federation. He has coached teams throughout Central IL that have won state championships and placed at the national level, including a number of students who have achieved a top-50 national ranking for their age group.

**\$345 per semester (\$21.57 per class/16 weeks)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

### **GAMING CLUB: DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS (5TH - 6TH)**

**Instructor: Taylor Newswander**

A fun and engaging way to empower your students to become more confident, tackle challenges head on, and learn teamwork, perseverance, and creative problem solving, Dungeons & Dragons is a powerful learning tool that provides kids with numerous social, emotional, and creative benefits. We'll use dice and our imagination to go on epic quests and maybe even improve our math skills along the way!

**Limited to 5 students/class - This is for NEW (this semester) D&D STUDENTS ONLY**

**\$345 per semester (\$21.57 per class/16 weeks)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

### **ART IS ME (2ND - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Terry Spayer & assistant**

Hello, my name is Terry Spayer. I am a retired art instructor. I have been active in the arts including Peoria Art Guild, Illinois Central College, Chillicothe Grade School, and Dunlap Middle School. It is my goal to offer your child an enriched after school art program.

**\$375 per semester (\$23.44/16 weeks) - supplies included**

**4:15 PM - 5:15 PM**



## WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

### **YEARBOOK (5TH -8TH)**

**Instructor: Taylor Newswander**

Looking for aspiring photojournalists, social butterflies, selfie aficionados, digital designers, and anyone else who wants to work on putting together this year's yearbook! We'll work on collecting photos, basic photo editing, formatting, and other design elements for the yearbook, all while having a blast and helping preserve the memories made this year.

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## THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

### **FILM CLUB (5TH -8TH)**

**Instructor: Ryan Gould**

Come join the Peoria Academy Film Club where we explore films throughout history and around the world! Each week, we'll watch scenes from a selection of films and discuss filmmaking devices, such as mise-en-scene, montage, and various sound, camera and editing techniques. Students will also get a chance to explore the basics of film production—from scriptwriting to shooting and editing. Join us as we deepen our appreciation for all steps of the filmmaking process and enjoy dozens of films along the way.

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### **DISNEY KARAOKE (PRE-K - 3RD)**

**Instructor: Emily Beever**

Sing and dance along to all of your favorite Disney songs! Let's work on building confidence in singing and performing in a way that is fun and exciting!

***Limited to 10 students***

**\$345 per semester (\$21.57 per class/16 weeks)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**



## THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

### **CODING FOR BEGINNERS: BUILD YOUR FIRST GAME! (2ND -4TH)**

**Instructor: Louis Ubert**

This course is perfect for any student curious about coding but unsure where to start. Throughout this course, basic programming skills will be introduced to help develop a playable game! No experience necessary, super beginner-friendly with step-by-step guidance throughout the process.

**Limited to 8 students**

**\$370 per semester (\$23.13 per class/16 weeks) - includes supplies**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

### **SIGN LANGUAGE (1ST - 8TH) The sign-up form incorrectly states (4TH - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Emily Beever**

Introduction to American Sign Language signs that you can use every day at home and in the classroom! Learn the finger alphabet, numbers, signs to communicate with your friends and more. We'll also discuss American Sign Language and Deaf Culture, and the differences between visual spatial languages in the US and throughout the world.

**\$345 per semester (\$21.57 per class/16 weeks)**

**4:15 PM - 5:15 PM**

## FRIDAY

### **VOICE LESSONS (2ND - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Sofia Cordes**

Students will work on vocal technique, performance skills, and audition preparation. We will also work on building confidence in singing and performing. Sofia has been engaged in musical theatre for about ten years, and has been singing since she learned to speak! During her high school years, she was in Dunlap High School's choir and gained classical training from her time with the DHS Madrigal Singers. Though her passion lies in Musical Theatre, she is also trained in classical and jazz styles.

*One thirty minute class per week.*

**\$460 per semester (\$30.67 per class/15 weeks)**

**3:30, 4:00, 4:30, & 5:00 PM**

### **BOOK CLUB (6TH - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Mandy Bennett**

This class is a fantastic opportunity for young readers to come together and explore the world of literature. By fostering a love for reading and providing a platform for thoughtful discussions, this class aims to empower young readers, nurture their critical thinking skills, and broaden their literary horizons. We will be using the traditional book club format of everyone reading the same book, with weekly discussions.

**\$325 per semester (\$21.67 per class/15 weeks)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**



## FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

### **SPORTS CAMP (2ND - 8TH)**

**Instructor: Scott Corbin**

Our after-school sports camp offers a fun and active environment for kids to play and learn! We focus on teamwork, sportsmanship, and developing healthy habits through a variety of sports and games, including soccer, basketball, and more.

**\$325 per semester (\$21.67 per class/15 weeks)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

### **LEGO CLUB ( PRE-K - 2ND)**

**Instructor: Vaishali Patel**

Do you love to build? LEGO Club is the place to be! Get hands-on with a huge collection of bricks and let your imagination run wild. Participate in fun weekly challenges, from building the tallest tower to creating a vehicle, or simply choose to build whatever you want during our free-play sessions. We'll explore science, math, and engineering concepts through play, all while having a blast.

***Limited to 10 students***

**\$325 per semester (\$21.67 per class/15 weeks)**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

### **MINECRAFT: BLOCK CODING (1ST - 4TH)**

**Instructor: Louis Ubert**

This immersive curriculum artfully blends the thrill of gaming with coding fundamentals. Minecraft Education offers a fun and engaging space for students to improve their teamwork, communication, and digital citizenship through collaborative building, problem-solving, and creative design. Maybe you'll even learn some new tricks to bring to your Minecraft worlds at home!

***Limited to 8 students***

**\$350 per semester (\$23.34 per class/15 weeks) - includes supplies**

**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

### **GAMING CLUB: DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS**

**Instructor: Taylor Newswander**

A fun and engaging way to empower your students to become more confident, tackle challenges head on, and learn teamwork, perseverance, and creative problem solving, Dungeons & Dragons is a powerful learning tool that provides kids with numerous social, emotional, and creative benefits. We'll use dice and our imagination to go on epic quests and maybe even improve our math skills along the way!

***Limited to 5 students/class***

- **(5TH) - Returning Students Only**  
**\$325 per semester (\$21.67 per class/15 weeks)**  
**3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**
- **(7TH - 8TH) - Returning Students Only**  
**\$325 per semester (\$21.67 per class/15 weeks)**  
**4:15 PM - 5:15 PM**





# IESA ATHLETICS

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<https://www.peoriaacademy.org/student-life/athletics.cfm>

## **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL - DECEMBER 8, 2025 - MARCH 5, 2026 (4TH - 8TH)**

**Coach(s): Emilie Egan & Ariel Kauffman**

Girls Volleyball is a fast-paced, team-oriented sport that focuses on developing essential skills such as serving, setting, spiking, and blocking. Students participate in regular practices and matches, learning to communicate effectively with teammates and execute plays under pressure. Volleyball fosters both physical agility and mental sharpness, making it an excellent sport for improving coordination and teamwork.

**PRACTICE: 4:15 - 5:30 PM - M, W, F**  
**\$300**

## **SCHOLASTIC BOWL - JANUARY 12, 2026 - MAY 8, 2026 (5TH - 8TH)**

**Coach: Brooke Hardy**

Scholastic Bowl is an academic competition that challenges students to expand their knowledge across a wide array of subjects. Students prepare by studying topics like history, science, literature, and mathematics. Practices involve quick thinking, buzzer systems, and teamwork, as students work together to answer questions correctly and efficiently. This competition enhances students' knowledge and builds confidence in public speaking and teamwork.

**PRACTICE: Tuesday and Wednesday 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM**  
**\$300**

## **BOYS/GIRLS TRACK & FIELD - MARCH 16, 2026 - MAY 16, 2026 (5TH - 8TH)**

**Coach: TBD**

Whether you're an experienced athlete or new to the sport, track and field offers a unique and diverse athletic experience for everyone. Track and Field offers a variety of events, including sprints, middle-distance runs, long-distance runs, relays, high jump, long jump, shot put, and discus. Each event requires different skills, allowing students to specialize in their strengths. Track and Field promotes physical fitness, endurance, and discipline as students train to improve their personal bests. The season includes regular meets where students can compete in their chosen events.

**PRACTICE: 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM on Tuesday and Thursdays**  
**\$300**

# CLUB SPORTS

## **BOYS/GIRLS SOCCER CLUB - MARCH 3, 2026 - MAY 7, 2026 (5TH - 8TH)**

**Coach: Robert Taylor**

Middle School Soccer is an opportunity for both boys and girls to learn the sport of soccer in a coed capacity. We will be learning important soccer skills such as passing and trapping, dribbling, making intentional runs with purpose, goal keeping, defending, correct soccer tackling, the step over, the scissors move, and so on. We will attempt to also use the sport of soccer to teach and institute some personal development skills, leadership, and character qualities.

**PRACTICE: TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM**  
**\$300**

**FOR INFORMATION REGARDING PRACTICES, GAMES, AND MEETS, PLEASE CONSULT THE ATHLETICS CALENDAR ON THE PEORIA ACADEMY WEBSITE /STUDENT LIFE /ATHLETICS. ANY CHANGES THAT HAPPEN WILL ALSO BE ANNOUNCED IN YOUR ATHLETIC GROUP IN PARENT SQUARE.**