



Clubs & Activities Program Guide School Year 2024-2025

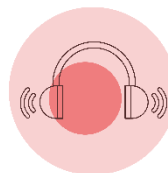
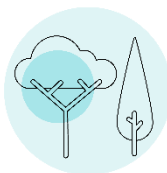
Connections Academy and Pearson Online Academy are committed to offering our students a wide range of clubs and activities throughout the school year. From arts and crafts to literature and leadership clubs, we have something to spark every student's interest at all grade levels. Participation in these global, virtual clubs and activities enhances students' feeling of connectedness as well as improves academic achievement and school retention rates. All clubs and activities are free, optional, non-credit, and have no impact on student grades.

A description of each club or activity is listed on the following pages in alphabetical order. Please see the [Clubs & Activities FAQ](#) document to learn more about how students participate in Global Clubs & Activities programming.

How to Sign Up for Clubs

To sign up for any of the clubs and activities offered, the student's Caretaker will log into Pearson Online Classroom and find the Clubs and Activities Sign-Up Data View under the student's blue "i" icon. Students may also initiate the sign up process from their Data View, to indicate interest, which will then send a WebMail notification to their Caretaker to approve and complete the sign up process.

For more information, please see the [How to Sign Up for Clubs & Activities](#) document and the [Getting Started with Clubs & Activities](#) multimedia presentation.



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Other Exciting Offerings from Clubs & Activities

Pop Up Events

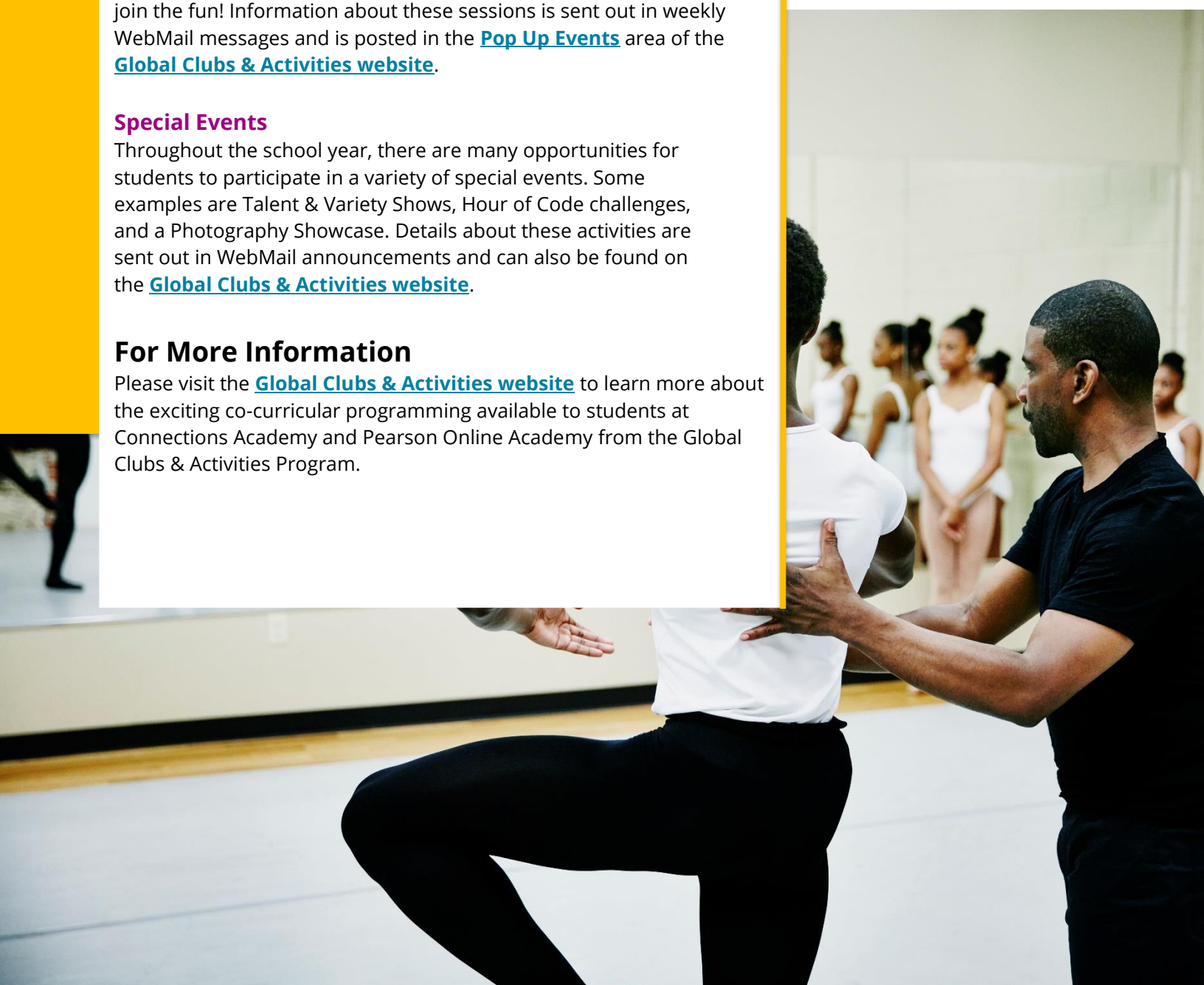
In addition to enrolling in a club, students are invited to participate in a variety of Pop Up Events. These are either stand-alone sessions, or part of a recurring series, that do not require sign up or enrollment. Students can refer to the Pop Up Events Calendar and simply click the link to the LiveLesson® room at the correct time to join the fun! Information about these sessions is sent out in weekly WebMail messages and is posted in the [Pop Up Events](#) area of the [Global Clubs & Activities website](#).

Special Events

Throughout the school year, there are many opportunities for students to participate in a variety of special events. Some examples are Talent & Variety Shows, Hour of Code challenges, and a Photography Showcase. Details about these activities are sent out in WebMail announcements and can also be found on the [Global Clubs & Activities website](#).

For More Information

Please visit the [Global Clubs & Activities website](#) to learn more about the exciting co-curricular programming available to students at Connections Academy and Pearson Online Academy from the Global Clubs & Activities Program.



Art Club



Art Club is designed to spark student creativity by exploring two-dimensional and three-dimensional art, photography, and graphic design through techniques and styles associated with each medium. Students can create original designs and artwork, share their artwork with peers, participate in live artmaking, learn about appropriate critique guidelines, and provide feedback to other club members.

Grades: 6-12

[Art Club Information](#)

Arts and Crafts



Arts and Crafts Club encourages students to be imaginative and creative using basic materials found at home and in nature. LiveLesson sessions® guide students through the optional club course, with instructions on how to create theme-based crafts throughout the year. Students can create original crafts, share their artwork with peers, learn about appropriate critique guidelines, and provide feedback to other club members.

Grades: K-5

[Arts and Crafts Club Information](#)

Chess Club



Chess Clubs - Introduction or Advanced members have a unique opportunity to learn from chess experts and enjoy playing chess with other students in biweekly LiveLesson® sessions. Additionally, club members are encouraged to enjoy friendly competition using an online chess gaming system and to use the club's message board to schedule games and discuss strategies. All club members are invited to participate in chess tournaments throughout the year.

Grades: K-5, & 6-12

[Chess Club Information](#)



Comic Con Committee offers students the leadership opportunity to collaborate with teachers, community members, and each other to plan panels, activities, and workshops virtually and/or at their local Connections Academy school for the Global Comic Con in March. The committee is a community where students can brainstorm ideas, have their voices heard, and geek out regarding their favorite fandoms to impact this annual event.

Grades: 6-12

[Comic Con Committee Information](#)



Connections Esports is our premiere competitive sport organization at Connections Academy. Students can compete in tournaments throughout the school year through the High School Esports League, Middle School Esports League, and PlayVS. Our most popular games are [Rocket League](#) (6-12), and [Valorant](#) (9-12 with Caretaker approval), but we offer many other titles including Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, Splatoon 3, and Super Smash Bros Ultimate based on student interest. Connections Esports members are not required to play the games. Students can get involved through shoutcasting, streaming, marketing, and other roles related to Esports.

Grades: 6-8, & 9-12 at select school locations

[Connections Esports Information](#)

Conversation
Corner



Conversation Corner is a supportive community for students with diverse learning styles and speaking proficiencies. Students form an inclusive, safe, structured environment for all learners and brains to communicate on microphone during live sessions and discussion areas. Connections are made through shared experiences, facilitated by speech language pathologists.

Grades: 6-12

[Conversation Corner Information](#)

Debate Club



Debate Club members learn internationally recognized debate procedures and put them into practice during biweekly LiveLesson[®] sessions. Members learn the art of public speaking and critical thinking while working in collaborative teams. Research, reasoning, and understanding opposing perspectives form the foundation for biweekly moderated debates.

Grades: 6-12

[Debate Club Information](#)

Drama Club



Drama Club members participate in several aspects of theater, including history, performance, stage management, and different themes. Students can share their activities from the club course and participate in acting exercises during biweekly LiveLesson[®] sessions. Students can also collaborate on the Message Boards to create projects and perform together.

Grades: 6-12

[Drama Club Information](#)

Gaming and
Technology
Club



Gaming and Technology Club members have the opportunity to explore and discuss gaming styles and genres, as well as careers in the gaming and technology industry. Students are encouraged to share their original creations, experiences, and accomplishments in LiveLesson[®] sessions.

Grades: K-5, & 6-12 [Gaming & Technology Club Information](#)

Global Trek Club



Global Trek Club members are immersed in tips for traveling to all the continents of the world, including the culture and geography of different countries. Students can share their activities from the club course during biweekly LiveLesson® sessions, and they can also collaborate on the Message Boards to discuss traveling and opening their world to new experiences and cultures.

Grades: 6-12

[Global Trek Club Information](#)

Gross Science Club



Gross Science Club kids get to learn about yucky, gooey, stinky things in science. They get to wear lab coats and do fun experiments like making fake poop and fake boogers. We explore the weird world of gross science with cool activities. We work together, share ideas on the Message Boards, and have a blast discovering new icky things!

Grades: K-5

[Gross Science Club Information](#)

Kindness Club



Kindness Club members inspire each other to build up virtual students from around the country and world, and complete regular challenges to scatter kindness throughout their communities.

Grades: K-5

[Kindness Club Information](#)

Leadership Club



Leadership Club members learn valuable leadership skills through monthly LiveLesson® sessions. They also put these new skills to good use through special opportunities as student leaders. Students who complete enough activities can earn a Leadership Certificate. This certificate will look impressive on college and job applications!

Grades: 6-12

[Leadership Club Information](#)

Movement Club



Movement Club is for students who want to get a workout in between classes and after completing their schoolwork. Students explore and share different techniques to promote movement through an active Message Board and LiveLesson® sessions.

Grades: K-12

[Movement Club Information](#)

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Quiz Bowl

Quiz Bowl allows students from different Connections Academy and Pearson Online Academy schools to participate in a year-long tournament to engage in friendly, competitive trivia challenges and showcase their knowledge on a global scale. Each participating school's team will be provided study guides throughout the school year to prepare for each Quiz Bowl game.

Grades: 6-12

[Quiz Bowl Information](#)

Writers' Oasis
Club

Writers' Oasis provides a virtual environment where students can work collaboratively and individually to write original stories and poetry in all genres of fiction and non-fiction, and publish work on *The Monitor* blog. Students have the opportunity to share their writing and favorite books during LiveLesson® sessions. Students can use the Message Boards to offer insight on student writing samples, create collaborative stories, and discuss various literary works or authors.

Grades: 6-12

[Writers' Oasis Club Information](#)



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