

2018 Portsmouth High School

Clipper Academy Summer Advancement Program

Clipper Academy is an opportunity for students in grades 9-12 to advance their education during the summer.



Clipper Academy offers THREE options for learning:

Option # 1:

Learn online with the help of a PHS Academic Coach

Students earn academic credit by accomplishing 1-2 units of any subject through our online partner, the Virtual Learning Academy. A PHS academic coach helps to ensure success. Most of the classwork is completed during flexible coaching hours at the PHS Library.

(20 student max enrollment)

Option #2:

Totally personalize your summer learning.

An academic coach will help create a summer learning plan based on your preferences. The goals and schedule are totally flexible. PHS academic coaches guide you along the way and at your own pace.

(30 student max enrollment)

Option #3:

Earn credit by taking an innovative summer class:

Click on the 2018 offerings:

[Get Ahead with French at Your own Pace](#)

[Writing the College Essay](#)

[Clipper Adventure](#)

OPTION #1 (20 student max. enrollment)

Learn online with the help of a PHS Academic Coach:

How it works: Clipper Academy allows students to gain credit on a PHS transcript by completing 1-2 units of study from a wide variety of subjects offered by our partner, the Virtual Learning Academy (VLACS). Clipper Academy staff will be acting in a supportive role, offering academic coaching at the PHS Library so each student can get the assistance, accountability and immediate help they need to be successful. Students can create a very flexible coaching schedule. We can work around sports, a job schedule, and family vacations. Feel free to drop-in during coaching hours for as long or short as you would like. No scheduling required. Students typically attend between 15-25 hours of coaching in the PHS Library over the span of the summer. Online help from academic coaches is also included when you need it. If a student finishes their coursework early, they can simply conclude at that time. This is great incentive to get work done!

To learn more about the huge benefits of academic coaching, click on the following link:

[Click here to find out more about academic coaching](#)

A list of course offerings can be found by clicking on the following link:

[Click here to view Course Catalog](#)

Coaching hours are available from June 26nd to August 16th on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-5:30 pm. Unannounced drop-ins are welcome. Stay for as long or short as you want.

Sun	Mon	Tues Coaching hours: 2:30-5:30pm at PHS Library	Wed Coaching hours: 2:30-5:30pm at PHS Library	Thurs Coaching hours: 2:30-5:30pm at PHS Library	Fri	Sat
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The cost for attending Clipper Academy is for the support provided by the Clipper Academy coaches. There is no charge from VLACS for taking a course through them. **Cost for academic coaching services is \$240 for unlimited coursework. Financial aid is available!**

[Click here to sign up for Option #1](#)

Option 2 (30 student max. enrollment)

Totally personalize your summer learning:

How it works: For this option, an academic coach will work with you to create a summer learning plan in a subject of your choice. The level of rigor and challenge is up to you. To complete your goals, you will attend coaching hours at the PHS Library when it is convenient for you. We can work around sports, a job schedule, and family vacations. Feel free to drop-in during coaching hours for as long or short as you would like. No scheduling required. Also, get help via online when you need it. Please note that this option allows you unlimited hours of academic coaching and online support from PHS teachers throughout the summer.

[Click here to find out more about the benefits of academic coaching.](#)

2018 Academic Coaches:

Amanda Waite, 8-year Math teacher and current PHS Math Dept. Head

Rachel Pozzetti, 7-year dynamic PHS Science teacher

Judy Butler, 20 plus year PHS English teacher specializing in expository writing

Sam Tombarelli, 19-year PHS Social Studies Teacher and Academic Coordinator for Clipper Academy

Below are some specific ways in which we can customize learning:

- Work on the college essay application process along with SAT prep with the help of an academic coach.
- Complete any assigned summer work from any of your upcoming classes.
- Read a book of your choice and complete a writing piece – gain enrichment credit!
- Have our coaches create a personalized math, science, English or Social Studies plan based on your needs and preferences. Gain credit on your PHS transcript!
- Recover credit with a personalized plan along with guidance from an academic coach.

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Academic coaching services to complete summer work is \$240. Price includes unlimited hours of help throughout the summer along with online support. Financial aid is available!

[Click here to sign up for Option #2](#)

Get Ahead with French at Your Own Pace



Instructor: Mr. Jonathan Sandberg

Meeting times: Flexible meetings exist for this course, which is so convenient! Online access to lessons are available 24/7 while in-person appointments are available every Tuesday through Friday morning during the month of July until 11am. In addition, students will be supported into the school year with up to three optional tutoring sessions by appointment.

Cost: \$200 per student - Financial aid is available.

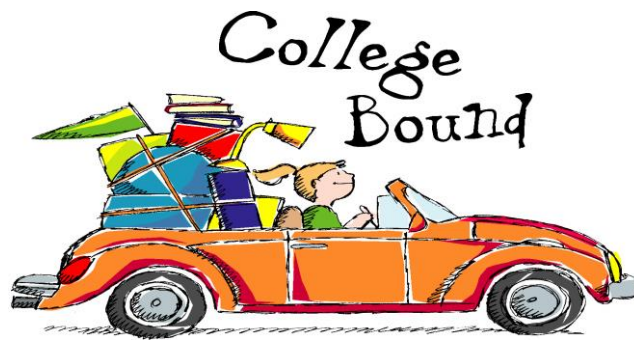
Credit: 1/4 credit

Summary: In this self-paced class, students will be offered a personalized learning plan based on the unique needs of each student to bring their French skills to the next level. We can focus on any topic of interest including conversation, writing, literature or simply getting a head start on the fall semester curriculum. Customized assignments will be available via Google Classroom where students can access work and learn at their own pace. In-person group sessions will take place at a downtown cafe and will usually feature native French speakers who engage in group dialogue.

About the instructor: Jonathan Sandberg graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 2000, and the University of Southern Maine's graduate teaching program in 2002. He has been on staff at Portsmouth High School since 2007. Jonathan has studied French since 2001 and has traveled to France and Belgium dozens of times over the past fifteen years. He has taught students at every level from French I through A.P. French. He can be reached at jsandberg@sau52.org or at 828-9583.

[Click here to sign up for *Get Ahead in French at Your Own Pace*](#)

Writing the College Essay



Instructor: Mrs. Lynda Bettcher

Meeting times: This year's summer class for Writing the College Essay will be held in PHS computer lab 218 during the week of July 30- Aug 3. Enrollment is limited to 19; therefore, space will be reserved for you only when your payment has been received.

Cost: \$195 per student – **Financial aid is available.**

Credit: Enrichment

Class Summary: The college essay class will provide instruction for soon-to-be seniors who need to complete a college essay and possibly supplements as well. Support includes help with topic choice, audience, tone, editing, and revising. Email support is available after the class ends at no extra charge.

About the Instructor: Lynda Bettcher is a 43-year veteran of Portsmouth High School who recently retired. She has taught all levels of English and all grades, but her true love is writing. She graduated from Plymouth State College and has written for the Portsmouth Herald during her career. She says, "Words in an essay are like music. You must hear them out loud to gauge their cadence and rhythm." She believes that reading your work aloud is one of the best ways to edit it.

For inquiries and to register, please email Lynda Bettcher at lyndabettcher@yahoo.com

Click Link below to print out and send in registration form

[Registration Form for the College Essay Class](#)

Clipper Adventure



Instructor: Mr. Martin Carter mcarter@sau52.org

Meeting times: Daily from Monday July 23rd to Friday July 27th, from 8am-3pm, on the PHS ropes course (behind the school).

Cost: \$290 (includes a Dry-fit "Clipper Adventure" t-shirt). **Financial aid is available.**

Credit: ½ credit for Outdoor Freshman Physical Education class (Course #782).*

Class Summary: Students will have the opportunity to improve their leadership, communication and problem solving skills, while recognizing and working on their weaknesses and also relying on their strengths. The class will follow the sequential process of icebreakers, team building and problem solving, trust activities, and low and high rope climbing elements. Adventure philosophies and cornerstones such as "Full Value Commitment", "Challenge By Choice", and "Experiential Learning" are all key concepts of this class. Students will have the opportunity to be part of belay team, learn and implement climbing and safety protocols, and will journal and set goals daily.

Students are expected to attempt to climb high rope elements, and complete nightly reflecting assignments.

About the instructor: Mr. Carter holds a Master of Education degree in Adventure Education from Plymouth State University, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Sport and Exercise Science from the University of Southampton, England. He has been teaching Physical Education for 17 years (11 years at PHS), and has been teaching Adventure based classes for 12 years. He has also facilitated workshops and orientations for the Browne Center (UNH) and Project Adventure, and occasionally consults with other schools and organizations looking to start and develop an adventure program. Feel free to contact Mr. Carter with any additional questions at mcarter@sau52.org

There is a 14 student maximum and a 10 student minimum requirement for this course.

*Students will still need to take Indoor Freshman PE class (course #781) to fulfill their graduation requirement (1 credit). This class does not count as a pre-requisite for Project Adventure 2.

[Click here to sign up for Clipper Adventure](#)