

Marana Middle School

21st CCLC Classes

Quarter 1

The 21st CCLC Grant provides Marana Middle School students with an opportunity for academic enrichment and the ability to cultivate new passions. This information is for the 1st Quarter of the 2026/2027 school year. Classes begin Monday, August 24th, and run through Thursday, September 24th. Most classes begin at 3:55 and end at 5:30, Monday through Thursday, unless otherwise stated. Students will be provided with a healthy snack as part of the program. Activity buses will be available to transport students home. All 21st CCLC classes are free.

Registration will open on Monday, August 10, at 8 AM and will close at noon on Saturday, August 15th.

[Click here to register](#)

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Southard Morning wellness 7:30-8:30	Southard Morning wellness 7:30-8:30	Southard Morning wellness 7:30-8:30	Southard Morning wellness 7:30-8:30
Youngling Game & Logic	Youngling Game & Logic	Youngling Game & Logic	Youngling Game & Logic
Knickerbocker Garden Mayhem	Banzhaf Basketball Conditioning	Banzhaf Basketball Conditioning	Banzhaf Basketball Conditioning
Silva Babysitting 101	Silva & Southard Delicious Discoveries	Bravin DIY crafts	Tyree Diamond Art
Zitske Lego Master	Bravin Reader's Lounge	Zitske KIDstruction	Bravin Classic Cinema
Powell The Creative Lab	Knickerbocker Jam Session	Southard Dungeons & Dragons	Southard Dungeons & Dragons
Santiago After School Science	Santiago After School Science	Santiago After School Science	Santiago After School Science
	Boxing Club		Powell Backstage props & costumes
	Lindsay Leather Crafting	Lindsay Leather Crafting	

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Class Descriptions

Morning Wellness: Join Ms. Southard at 7:30 AM for Morning Wellness. This course provides students with a calm and intentional start to their day, allowing them time to check their academic standing, review assignments, and set goals for the day or week. Students will use math skills to track grades, calculate averages, and prioritize tasks based on due dates. They will strengthen ELA skills by reading academic feedback, writing personal reflections, and setting clear, actionable goals through journals or planners. This daily routine promotes organization, self-awareness, and a clear headspace, preparing students to be focused, confident, and ready to learn.

Lego Creations: Do you enjoy the challenge of creating unique and masterfully designed objects with Legos? Do you like to make games, art pieces, and crafts from Legos? This is the class for you. We will be designing and building new creations with Legos each week and then sharing those builds with each other in a challenge-style format. You could be the next MMS Lego Master!

KIDstruction: "KIDstruction – Design, Build, Innovate!" is an innovative afterschool program designed to provide a safe, engaging, and academically enriching environment for Marana Middle School students. This program aligns with Arizona's 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) goals by offering high-quality STEM learning experiences outside regular school hours. The program centers around the 24th Annual Student Design & Build Contest – KIDstruction 2025, which challenges students to reimagine the space of a former Macy's department store into a new, functional structure using limited materials—toothpicks, business cards, and glue—fostering creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking.

DIY Crafts: Students will explore a variety of art projects and crafts, experimenting with different materials, tools, and techniques to express their creativity. Throughout the process, they will apply mathematical concepts such as measuring, scaling, symmetry, pattern creation, and geometric design to plan and execute their work. Students will also strengthen their ELA skills by reading and following multi-step directions, researching artistic styles, writing reflections about their creative choices, and presenting their finished projects through oral or written explanations.

Dungeons & Dragons: Do you enjoy roleplaying? Dragons? Zombies? Do you sometimes feel like life is just rolling a D20? Then DnD club is right for you! Join us for a wonderful storytelling experience where you can be a rogue, wizard, or paladin and journey through an amazing land full of dangerous foes. Anyone is welcome regardless of your character level.

Classic Cinema: In this class, we will be examining films (hidden gems from the 1940s and onward) and discussing them—everything from style and plot to themes and social commentary. This class will work on exposing students to different genres and ways of storytelling..

Garden Mayhem: Garden crafts and plant mayhem – grow your own or make your own planting pots, birdhouse decoration, and other fun crafting that can go outside in your yard or as a present!

Delicious Discoveries with Food: Have you ever wanted to learn to cook? Are you a home chef and want to learn new recipes? Join us and study where foods come from. Best of all, we will make it and EAT! Space is limited.

Babysitting 101: Students will be CPR/first aid certified through our local fire department!! This course will cover the basic care for infants and children, child behavior management, age-appropriate activities, emergency response, feeding, diapering and picking up children, communicating effectively with parents, and ethical and business principles of babysitting.

Jam Session: Open to current band students only. If you want to keep playing after school and improve your instrument skills and music reading abilities, come JAM with us! Let's have some fun & get our notes on!

Games & Logic: a relaxed, social space where students can connect with friends while participating in games, puzzles, challenges, and friendly competitions. Students will strengthen ELA skills through reading directions, communication, vocabulary, discussion, and explaining their thinking. Math proficiency will be reinforced naturally through games involving logic, strategy, scoring, patterns, probability, and problem-solving. Activities encourage students to collaborate, think critically, and build academic skills in a fun, low-pressure environment.

Boxing: Welcome to M-5 FIGHT CLUB at Marana Middle School. Join us for after-school BOXING classes! A challenging yet friendly learning environment that benefits beginners and experienced learners alike. Each week, students will be given proper lessons on techniques and strategies of the sport. As well as fun cardio exercises and team activities. Our goal is to build each student's ability and self-esteem, while giving them a proper foundation in self-defense and responsibility.

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Basketball Conditioning: This club will offer basic basketball skills, fundamentals, training, and conditioning in a fun and positive atmosphere. This club will foster self-discipline, teamwork, dedication, physical education, and social skills

The Creative Lab: Experiment • Explore • Create. Ready to try something different? The Creative Lab is a hands-on class where art, creativity, and a little experimentation come together! Each project gives you a chance to try a new technique and create something completely your own. We'll use sunlight and photo-processing chemicals, kitchen spices, botanical pieces, and more. Tackle fun out-of-the-box projects throughout the class. There's no "perfect" way to create here. Try new things, experiment with colors and materials, put your own spin on each project, and see what happens! No art experience needed—just bring your imagination and be ready to create!

After School Science: We will increase (ELA) literacy and math proficiency through scientific subjects/topics reading, calculation, and sharing during enrichment activities, experiments, and opportunities, as well as improving life and/or social skills by students and scientists interacting and collaborating.

Backstage Costuming & Props: Ever wonder how a character goes from words on a page to someone who looks ready to step onto the stage? In this hands-on class, students will explore the creative world behind theatrical costumes and props. We'll design, build, alter, paint, and transform everything from upcycled and everyday materials to traditional costuming and cosplay supplies. You'll learn how a little imagination can turn something ordinary into a completely new creation. Projects may include costume accessories, wearable pieces, character details, hand props, and other unique creations—and some of the pieces we make may even be selected for use in our Spring Musical!