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**Middle School Electives**
- Digital Arts
- Mandarin Chinese
- Middle French I
- Middle French II
- Middle Spanish I
- Middle Spanish II
- Middle Spanish III
- Middle Spanish IV
- Sign Language
- WebQuest
- Music IV
- Keyboarding

**6th Grade**
- Language Arts 6A*
- Language Arts 6B*
- Math 6A*
- Math 6B*
- Algebra Readiness A
- Algebra Readiness B
- Science 6A*
- Science 6B*
- Art 6
- Ed and Tech Online Learning 6
- Health and Physical Education 6

**7th Grade**
- Language Arts 7A*
- Language Arts 7B*
- Math 7A*
- Math 7B*
- Algebra Readiness A
- Algebra Readiness B
- Algebra 1A*
- Algebra 1B*
- Science 7A*
- Science 7B*
- Art 7
- Ed and Tech Online Learning 7
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**8th Grade**
- Language Arts 8A*
- Language Arts 8B*
- Math 8A*
- Math 8B*
- Algebra Readiness A
- Algebra Readiness B
- Algebra 1A*
- Algebra 1B*
- Geometry A*
- Geometry B*
- Science 8A*
- Science 8B*
- Art 8
- Ed and Tech Online Learning 8

Gifted and Talented course version available

**WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?**

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- Students can work from the convenience of their own homes.
- There is no cost to families to participate.
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- Students take full course loads online.
- Courses are taught by fully-certified Virginia teachers.
- Teachers maintain “office hours” and frequently conduct scheduled phone-based outreach.
- Live tutoring assistance is available for students by phone or online 8 am - 8 pm weekdays.
- Families have online access to monitor student grades, progress, curriculum, and teacher/student contact logs.
- Students will take classes at scheduled times during the week and at their own convenience.
- Students have the option to join after-school clubs and activities (at their zoned school) and eighth grade students may tryout for Junior Varsity sports.

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HOW DO ONLINE COURSES WORK IN THE NNPS VIRTUAL CONNECTION ENVIRONMENT?

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K - 5 Electives
- Elementary Chinese I
- Elementary Chinese II
- Elementary Spanish I
- Elementary Spanish II
- Gifted & Talented Literature Study
- Music I
- Music II
- Home Life
- WebQuest

Online Learning
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**Kindergarten**

- Language Arts A
- Math K
- Science K
- Social Studies K
- Art K
- Physical Education K
- Educational Technology and Online Learning K

**1st Grade**

- Language Arts 1
- Math 1
- Science 1
- Social Studies 1
- Art 1
- Physical Education 1
- Educational Technology and Online Learning 1

**2nd Grade**

- Language Arts 2
- Math 2
- Science 2
- Social Studies 2
- Art 2
- Physical Education 2
- Educational Technology and Online Learning 2

**3rd Grade**

- Language Arts 3*
- Math 3*
- Science 3*
- Social Studies 3
- Art 3
- Physical Education 3
- Educational Technology and Online Learning 3

**4th Grade**

- Language Arts 4*
- Math 4*
- Science 4*
- Social Studies 4
- Art 4
- Physical Education 4
- Educational Technology and Online Learning 4

Additional K - 5 Electives

- Elementary Chinese I, II (3-5)
- Elementary Spanish I, II (3-5)
- Elementary Sign Language
- Exploratory Spanish (K)
- Gifted & Talented Literature Study (companion to G&T Language Arts)
- Experiencing Music I, II (K-2)
- Discovering Music I (3-5)
- Discovering Music II (4-5)
- Home Life (3-5)
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