

CHCA Intercession 2024

May 20-30, 2024

Course: Brainbusters

Instructor(s): **Mr. Adam Cool**

Course Type: **Local Day (Greater Cinti Area)**

Service Hours: **4 hours**

Maximum enrollment: **24**

Minimum enrollment: **4**

Cost: \$500

Overview: Through playing board games, solving puzzles and mastering escape rooms, students in Brainbusters will develop and produce their own playable escape room experience.

- Course Goals:**
- Attempt a variety of escape rooms in the Cincinnati area
 - Experience problem-solving situations, think strategically, and have FUN, FUN, FUN
 - Analyze and critique what makes an engaging and effective brainbuster
 - Design and playtest your own escape room experience
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Reading Component: Instructions to board games and clues for escape rooms

Writing Component: Students will be taking notes on escape rooms visited and drafting designs/plans for their own escape rooms.

Description:

Throughout the course, students will play multiple board games chosen for their game concept, rule structure, aesthetic and design. Games may include Pandemic Legacy, Ticket to Ride, Dead of Winter, Dominion, Codenames, Colt Express and 7 Wonders.

Students will also visit multiple, local escape rooms as well as play several boxed escape room experiences.

Students will design and playtest an escape room game by incorporating elements from the experiences they found most engaging throughout the course.

There is a service component where we will go into the community to teach and play the games we design with others at a school or community center.

This course is well suited to: Anyone who enjoys design, playing board games, and solving puzzles.

Cost: \$ 500 to cover the cost of games, escape room fees, materials and transportation.

Additional costs: Students will be responsible for their own lunch each day.

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Other Information:

Students may purchase lunch in the school cafeteria or bring their own lunch. On days when the course will be off-site students will be notified in advance that a packed lunch is needed.

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