

Best Educational Netflix Shows for High Schoolers

1. **Abstract** - Inspire the creatives in your classroom with this eight-episode documentary series on some of the world's foremost designers, including photographer Platon, graphic designer Paula Scher, and sneaker designer Tinker Hatfield.
2. **Bill Nye Saves the World** - In this wacky talk show, the popular educator explores scientific topics in the everyday world, including climate change, video games, and space travel.
3. **Bill Nye: Science Guy** - Bill Nye faces climate-change skeptics as he demonstrates the importance of scientific evidence.
4. **Dangerous Animals** - Find out the most deadly creatures on earth!
5. **Inside Bill's Brain** - Take a trip inside the mind of billionaire Bill Gates as he opens up about those who influenced him and the audacious goals he's still pursuing.
6. **The Mind, Explained** - Ever wonder what's happening inside your head? From dreaming to anxiety disorders, discover how your brain works.
7. **Our Planet** - This Netflix series is a lot like Planet Earth, except it urgently calls for viewers to think about the ways that human actions are putting the nature and animals the series covers in peril.
8. **The Universe** - Discover the secrets of the universe: from black holes to distant planets.

Best Podcasts for Teens

1. **StarTalk Radio** - Neil deGrasse Tyson talks about all things space: stars, planets, humans in space, and so much more. He also interviews a lot of amazing people, from Buzz Aldrin to Alan Rickman.
2. **The Allusionist** - Explore the English language, with all its oddities! Filled with good humor and levity, this podcast will help you explore the roots of words and phrases that we use every day.
3. **Stuff You Missed in History Class** - The title speaks for itself. Learn about people and events that are often overlooked in a typical history class.
4. **Listenwise** - Listenwise is an award-winning listening skills platform, searchable by topic area or school subject. It advances classroom learning by providing additional content and building listening skills. There is also a focus on current events that keeps learning tied to the real world.
5. **Youth Radio** - Youth Radio is a podcast for teens, published by teens. It was created to showcase the power of young people as makers of media, technology, and community. It brings the teen perspective to issues of public concern.
6. **The Past & The Curious** - Humans are a curious lot as this podcast attests to in its mission statement: "true stories of inspiration, humor, and the incredible achievements of all types of people, many of which are sadly under-shared."
7. **Freakonomics Radio** - A podcast created by the co-author of Freakonomics and Superfreakonomics, Stephen Dubner invites listeners to explore the hidden sides of everything. And, given his almost 300 episodes on topics ranging from Millionaires vs.

Billionaires to How to Win a Nobel Prize, he is well on his way to talking about everything.

8. **Stuff You Should Know** - The podcast that brings you the “ins and outs of everyday things” from the Pledge of Allegiance to Mexican Jumping Beans to “Your Limb is Torn Off (Obviously for teens and above!)”
9. **Revisionist History** - Malcolm Gladwell, author of Outliers and The Tipping Point, looks back through the overlooked and misunderstood in history, re-examining the past and asking whether we got it right the first time.
10. **Hidden Brain** - A conversation about life’s unseen patterns. Discover what’s inside your hidden brain.
11. **Planet Money** - The economy explained. Imagine you could call up a friend and say, “Let’s hang out and tell me what’s going on with the economy.” Now imagine it’s actually a fun conversation.

[Amazon Future Engineer](#) - Amazon is providing free online access to sponsored computer science courses in the United States that’s intended for learners in grades 6-12 and teachers who are remotely teaching this age group. Parents can also access this curriculum. Future Engineer typically targets under-represented students to draw them into CS education. Courses include "Computer Science Explorations" for middle schoolers; and "Introduction to Computer Science in Python" and the Advanced Placement-oriented "Computer Science Principles" and "Computer Science A." The company is working with curriculum partner, Edhesive, to grant teachers and students access to these free courses shortly after they complete an online application.

[Boolean Girl](#) has launched live, online events to help teach students "to code, build, invent and animate." The events, which are taking place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 4 p.m. Eastern time, introduce new engineering and coding projects to increase interest and engagement around STEM. Each is being recorded so that students can watch the session afterwards if they miss the live presentation.

[Duolingo](#) - Keep up your foreign language learning with the ever popular Duolingo app. The free program offers instruction in a myriad of different languages—including Arabic, Welsh, and Spanish—in a colorful and easy-to-follow program that feels more like a game than a class.

[Mental Health Apps](#) - Smartphone applications geared to health and wellness.

[The National Constitution Center](#) is launching a free eight-week series of daily live interactive courses on the Constitution for middle school and high school students. They’ll be led by NCC President and CEO, Jeffrey Rosen, a law professor and constitutional expert, along with other NCC constitutional scholars and educators. The sessions, delivered via Zoom, will allow students to participate in daily lectures and conversations about the basic principles of the U.S. Constitution.

[Science News for Students](#) has compiled COVID-19-specific content for students in grades 9-12. The organization, which is dedicated to expanding scientific literacy in schools, recently released the "Coronavirus Outbreak Collection," which includes articles and updates about the virus, freely available resources, and even advice on how to cope with social distancing. For younger students, Science News is promoting experiments that can be done by students at home; a weekly vocabulary lesson, "Scientists Say"; discussion questions, puzzlers and "Let's learn about," a new series that offers multiple stories on a given topic, among other resources.

[United Nations Volunteers Program](#) - Opportunities for Virtual Volunteering