



IVSA NEWSLETTER

October Edition

What's Happening This Month:

- [REGISTRATION](#) for the October 15th cohorts is available now!
- IVSA has launched the K-5 Academy: check out the [K-5 Course Catalog](#).

Did you KNOW?

IVSA Partners with Regional Offices of Education to provide courses and teachers for their Safe Schools. Meet Jeff Gerard, Principal at Partners for Success, the DuPage ROE Safe School. They chose to Partner with IVSA for all Math and Science courses that their students need. The IVSA team went for a site visit to check in on the fall launch.



IVSA STAFF Highlight

Meet Justin Millner

Justin Millner is a K-8 FULL-TIME TEACHER in his second year with IVSA. Justin has 10+ years of teaching experience, ranging from 3rd grade public school to middle school ELA, Social Studies, and PE/Athletic Director in private schools. He holds a degree from Elmhurst University in Professional Communication with a minor in Urban Studies and a Master's degree in Teaching from National Louis University. Justin's teaching motto is, "I teach students, not subjects" which supports his belief in connecting with his students as best as he can to best serve their needs. In his spare time, Justin likes to spend time with his wife Jess, and their dog, Bear. They like to try new restaurants, travel, play sports and video games, and watch a lot of streaming services and movies.



IVSA Programs

- **Full-Time Academy** - We offer a highly supportive full-time virtual learning option for students.
- **Supplemental Course Offerings** - Choose original credit or credit recovery courses in Core Subjects, Electives, World Languages, Business and CTE courses and more.
- **Teacher Shortage Solutions** - Are you experiencing a teacher shortage that may eliminate programs and courses. IVSA offers synchronous and asynchronous instruction options for full classes.



IVSA Course Lists

Click below to access our [Course Lists](#).

[K-5 Course List](#)

[MS Course List](#)

[HS Course List](#)

Student Clubs

IVSA eGaming Club

We have an eGAMING CLUB. IVSA students (both FT and Supplemental) will participate in weekly gaming sessions among IVSA students and then compete in 5 online gaming tournaments with Elite Gaming LIVE. Please [register here!](#)



Full-Time Academy CORNER

ONBOARDING for ACADEMY students

We will host **ONBOARDING** sessions for all Full-Time Academy students. Mark your calendars for **Tuesdays at 9am and/or Thursdays at 1pm** to meet your School Counselor and Student Success Coach and get access to the Orientation course with IVSA.

IMPACT for ACADEMY students

Every week students get to interact with their School Counselor and Student Success Coach and work through our Social Emotional Learning Curriculum (Sown to Grow).



PARENT/GUARDIAN CORNER

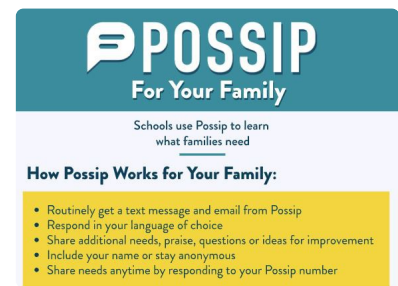
Observer Access to Canvas

We have a new way that you can follow your student's IVSA course(s) by creating an observer account in our learning management system, Canvas. Please use the [HELP GUIDE](#) to walk you through this.



POSSIP Survey coming October 16

We Need your VOICE! Parents/Guardians, your voice matters! We need to hear what's working for you and what your family needs. This semester we will send routine text messages and emails with a few simple questions asking for feedback on your experience with IVSA. You will receive these messages from Possip, an organization we have partnered with to learn your needs. Thank you!



School Partner Corner

SY2425 Partner Agreement Memorandums

Each year, Illinois Virtual Schools & Academy asks our partner schools to submit a [Partnership Agreement Memorandum](#) to confirm they want to continue partnering with IVSA, let us know if they need to change contacts, or to terminate the relationship. If your school has not already submitted the 24-25 IVSA Partner School Memorandum, we ask that you do so as soon as you can.

Illinois Virtual Course Catalog Intent to Apply

The Illinois State Board of Education Virtual Course Catalog [INTENT TO APPLY FORM](#) is now available for the 2024-2025 school year. Please fill this out with an estimate of the number of students you currently anticipate taking courses with IVSA this school year. There will be an opportunity in the spring to join IVSA for a webinar to walk you through the entire process.

IVSA is partnering with the RISE Network

IVSA and [RISE](#) will cohost a webinar next week. Join us to learn about additional funding available to help set up your classrooms for LIVE Virtual Instruction.

Event Information

Utilizing RISE for your Teacher Shortage Solutions with IVSA

When?

Wednesday, Oct 9, 2024, 01:00 PM

Where?

<https://zoom.us/my/melissalundgaard>

The University of Illinois Systems is partnering with IVSA

IVSA has a new partnership with the University of Illinois systems. We are launching a Pilot program to expand access so that all students in Illinois have access to courses regardless of their zip code. Take a look at the [SY24-25 Pilot Program details](#). The Pilot includes solutions for Teacher Shortage as well as Supplemental Courses.



Coming Up!

IMPORTANT DATES 📅

October 14: No School, Indigenous People's Day

October 28-29: Parent-Teacher Conferences for FT Academy

Like our Facebook Page

We use social media to send out announcements and for school events. Please take a moment to like our Facebook page and follow IVSA.

YOU CAN ALSO FIND US ON LINKEDIN

2024-2025

FTA Calendar



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IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 15	FTA Staff FTF Training
Aug 16, 19	No School - Teacher Workday
Aug 20	First Day of School & Onboarding
Aug 21-23	Onboarding & Diagnostic Testing
Sep 2	No School - Labor Day
Oct 14	No School - Indigenous Peoples Day
Oct 26-29	Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov 27-29	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec 23-Jan 3	No School - Winter Break
Jan 6	No School - Teacher Workday
Jan 7	First Day of 2nd Semester
Jan 7-10	Mid-Year Diagnostic Testing
Jan 20	No School - Martin Luther King Day
Feb 17	No School - Presidents Day
Mar 3-4	Parent Teacher Conferences
Mar 24-28	No School - Spring Break
May 5-7	End of Year Diagnostic Testing
May 9	IVSA End of Year Celebration
May 23	Last Day of School
May 27-30	Teacher Workdays
Jun 3	Summer School Begins
Jul 4	No School - Fourth of July Holiday
Aug 1	Summer School Ends

LEGEND

	Start/End of Semester		Diagnostic Testing
	Teacher Workday		Parent or Student Event
	No Student Attendance		

GRADING PERIODS

	First Semester	Second Semester
Start	August 20	January 7
End	December 20	May 23
Number of Days	84	92



Illinois Virtual Schools & Academy

The mission of IVSA is to partner with local Illinois schools to provide engaging and supportive online educational experiences to meet the needs of all learners.

Any Questions? Reach out to info@ivsaschool.org

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Smore

Beautiful class updates in a snap

