



# IVSA NEWSLETTER

November Edition

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## What's Happening This Month:

- [REGISTRATION](#) for the Full-Time Academy is STILL available for this semester.
- [REGISTRATION](#) for the January 7th cohort is available now for all students interested in taking courses at IVSA.
- IVSA has launched the K-5 Academy: check out the [K-5 Course Catalog](#).

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## Did you KNOW?

### Some students choose IVSA to allow them to compete in sports at an elite level!

Meet one of our Full-Time Academy students: "I chose IVSA to help me pursue my dream of playing soccer at the highest level, while continuing my high school education. Living overseas, I have connected with all of my teachers and counselors who have made this a much smoother transition to Europe. I'm very thankful for the personal schooling experience I am receiving. I am able to travel with the Hajduk Split academy and Croatia Youth National Team while working on my schoolwork."

**Adrian, 12th grade IVSA student**



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## 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](#).



## 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 November 13

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!



### A few Positive Parent Comments from the October Pulse Check

- "The communication between the staff and parents is fantastic, which is really nice".
- "I appreciate the teacher's willingness to stay so closely connected to my student."
- "I like the ability to track on a daily basis the progress being made."
- "The teachers have been super responsive to my students' emails and enjoy the office hour visit."

## School Partner Corner

### IVSA is Presenting at ISCA

If you have a counselor going to the Illinois School Counselor Association Conference, please send them to the IVSA session to hear more about IVSA and/or visit our Booth to win a free course at IVSA!



### Come visit IVSA at the Joint Annual Conference!

We can't wait to see all the school leaders at this year's Joint Annual Conference in November. We are hosting a booth, so please stop by. See you in Chicago!



## 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.

## 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](#).

**Would you consider opening a classroom for the spring where students can choose an IVSA course that is not offered at your school to allow them access to additional courses?**

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## Coming Up!

### IMPORTANT DATES 📅

- November 27-29:** No School, Thanksgiving Break
  - December 20:** End of Semester 1 for August and September Cohorts
  - December 23-January 3:** No School, Winter Break
  - January 7:** Second Semester Begins
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**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.

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## ILLINOIS VIRTUAL SCHOOLS & ACADEMY

### 2024-2025

#### FTA Calendar



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#### IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 15	FTA Staff FIF 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 28-29	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

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#### 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](mailto:info@ivsaschool.org)

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**Smore**

Beautiful class updates in a snap



