



# IVSA Newsletter

January 2025 Edition



## WELCOME BACK to School!

- [REGISTRATION](#) for the January 7th cohort is available now for all students interested in taking courses at IVSA, including our Full-Time Academy, Credit Recovery, and/or Single Courses.
- IVSA has launched the K-5 Academy: check out the [K-5 Course](#)

[Catalog](#).

## Next Chapter Credit Recovery Program

**NEW PROGRAM LAUNCHES at IVSA:** The Next Chapter Graduation Program is a structured credit recovery initiative designed to support students who are significantly behind in credits and at risk of not graduating on time. The program leverages flexible online coursework, personalized success plans, and targeted life-skills education to help students meet graduation requirements and regain momentum in their academic journey. If you have questions and/or are interested in registering for this program, please reach out to [info@ivsасhool.org](mailto:info@ivsасhool.org).



## A Day in the Life of an IVSA Full-Time Academy Student

View our new video on what a "day in the life" of an IVSA FTA student looks like!

IVSA DITL

8:30 am-9:00am

# GETTING THE DAY STARTED

Tyler begins by checking his emails and Canvas announcements. Teachers send messages frequently and counselors communicate with Tyler throughout the week.

Tyler will receive updates about his grades, weekly live sessions, and Canvas announcements.



## IVSA Programs

- **Full-Time Academy** - We offer a highly supportive full-time virtual learning option for students.
- **Next Chapter** - Our Brand New Credit Recovery Program
- **Single 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](#).

Academic Catalog   Grades K-5	
Language Arts	Physical Education
Language Arts 1	Physical Education 1
Language Arts 2	Physical Education 2
Language Arts 3	Physical Education 3
Language Arts 4	Physical Education 4
Language Arts 5	Physical Education 5
Math	Science
Math 1	Science 1
Math 2	Science 2
Math 3	Science 3
Math 4	Science 4
Math 5	Science 5
Social Studies	Art
Social Studies 1	Art 1
Social Studies 2	Art 2
Social Studies 3	Art 3
Social Studies 4	Art 4
Social Studies 5	Art 5

[K-5 Course List](#)

Academic Catalog   Middle School	
English	Social Studies
English 6	Social Studies 6
English 7	Social Studies 7
English 8	Social Studies 8
Math	Science
Math 6	Science 6
Math 7	Science 7
Math 8	Science 8
World Languages	Art
World Languages 6	Art 6
World Languages 7	Art 7
World Languages 8	Art 8
Physical Education	Music
Physical Education 6	Music 6
Physical Education 7	Music 7
Physical Education 8	Music 8

[MS Course List](#)

Academic Catalog   High School	
English	Social Studies
English 9	Social Studies 9
English 10	Social Studies 10
English 11	Social Studies 11
English 12	Social Studies 12
Math	Science
Math 9	Science 9
Math 10	Science 10
Math 11	Science 11
Math 12	Science 12
World Languages	Art
World Languages 9	Art 9
World Languages 10	Art 10
World Languages 11	Art 11
World Languages 12	Art 12
Physical Education	Music
Physical Education 9	Music 9
Physical Education 10	Music 10
Physical Education 11	Music 11
Physical Education 12	Music 12

[HS Course List](#)

## Student Clubs

### Gold Medal WINNER!

The IVSA eGaming Club participated in gaming tournaments in the fall. One of our IVSA students went home with the GOLD, winning the entire Mario Kart Tournament, where IVSA students competed against other schools across the country. **Congratulations, Bradley** and way to represent IVSA!



Bradley is a Sophomore at IVSA. As well as being an avid Mario Kart player, he also enjoys Super Smash Bros. He encourages Nintendo game fans to join the e-gaming league to make new friends while playing the games they love.

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## Full-Time Academy CORNER

### ONBOARDING for ACADEMY students

We 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).



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## 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.



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## School Partner Corner

## 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 📅

- January 7:** Second Semester Begins
- January 7-10:** iReady Diagnostic testing for FTA students
- January 20:** No School, Martin Luther King Day

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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.

### YOU CAN ALSO FIND US ON LINKEDIN

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# 2024-2025

## FTA Calendar



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### IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 15	FTA Staff FTE 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

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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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