



# IVSA Newsletter

February 2025 Edition

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## WELCOME BACK to School!

- [REGISTRATION](#) for the February 4th and March 4th cohort is available now for all students interested in taking courses at IVSA, including our Full-Time Academy, Credit Recovery, and/or Single Courses.
- REGISTRATION for Summer Programs will be available on February 18, 2025!

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## Did you KNOW?

### IVSA Teacher WINS Golden Apple Award

IVSA employs Illinois licensed teachers and many of the Adjunct Instructors work in school districts around the state. Theresa Twaddle, one of our CTE and Business teachers just won [THE GOLDEN APPLE AWARD](#) for her work in Macomb, IL!



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

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Home  
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General Education

ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE	ENGLISH/ESL	ARTS/MUSIC	SMALL GROUPS
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ENGLISH 2	MATH 2	SCIENCE 2	ENGLISH/ESL 2	ARTS/MUSIC 2	SMALL GROUPS 2
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ENGLISH 5	MATH 5	SCIENCE 5	ENGLISH/ESL 5	ARTS/MUSIC 5	SMALL GROUPS 5

English Courses  
Math Courses  
Science Courses  
Social Studies Courses  
Small Groups (Integrated Instruction)  
Counseling Tests  
Summer & Fall  
IVSA Math Events

**IVSA** (Small Group, Study & Support)

LINK to IMPACT  
LINK to MATH  
LINK to SCIENCE  
LINK to ENGLISH/MUSIC  
LINK to SOCIAL STUDIES

IMPACT Check-in with Kyle, Miss. Evans & Syd

How can we help?

He can check his schedule on the homepage.

Tyler can access his course links here.

## 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](#).



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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