



IVSA Newsletter

March 2025 Edition



LAST OPPORTUNITY to REGISTER STUDENTS for Spring Term!

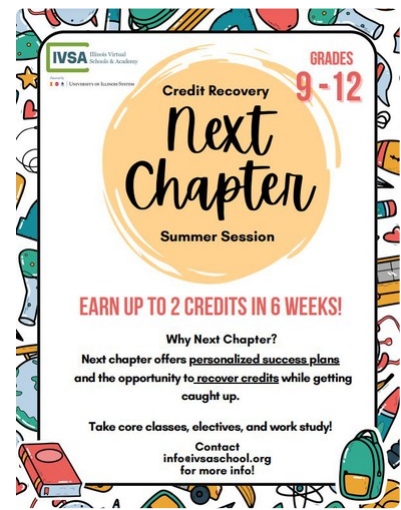
- [REGISTRATION](#) for the March 4th cohort is available now for all students interested in taking courses at IVSA, including our Full-Time Academy, Next Chapter Credit Recovery Program, and/or Single Courses.

SUMMER PROGRAM Registration is OPEN!

- [IVSA Summer Bootcamp](#) for Grades K-8
- The IVSA Summer Bootcamp program will leverage award winning curriculum that is designed to personalize a plan for your students to support essential skill development in math and reading. We believe that this program, along with the live sessions with our teaching staff, will be an excellent opportunity for your students to learn, grow, and have fun this summer.

The flyer for the IVSA Summer Bootcamp features the IVSA logo at the top left. The main title is "IVSA Summer Bootcamp" in large, bold letters, with "COST: \$300" in a red circle to the right. Below the title, it says "JUNE 10 - JULY 17 2025". A small cartoon illustration shows a blue character, a yellow character, and a green character. The text below reads: "The IVSA Summer Virtual Bootcamp program will personalize a plan for your students to support essential skill development in math and reading." It lists two bullet points: "Designed for students entering K-8th grades" and "Teacher-Led Zoom Sessions (optional) in Math & Reading". There are two quotes: "The curriculum and teaching methodology was interactive and well planned." and "The IVSA Bootcamp was beyond what I expected for our students." A QR code is present with the text "Register Here" below it. At the bottom, it says "Public Schools may be eligible for reimbursement through SBE".

- [IVSA Summer Next Chapter Program](#) for Grades 9-12
- **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.



- [IVSA Summer School](#) for Grades 6-12
- IVSA offers over 200 courses in our Summer School. Do you want to take Consumer Economics, Health, PE or an Elective. What about Geometry, Digital Media, or even get credit for working by taking our Workplace Experience course.



Did You Know?

Hybrid Learning Options with IVSA

One of our Science teachers took the show on the road and drove to teach her TSS students in person to be able to conduct the Science Labs for their last unit.





IVSA Leads Professional Development Sessions for Teachers on AI in the Classroom

The IVSA staff lead PD Sessions on using AI to Enhance Classroom Instruction.



IVSA Programs

- **Summer Bootcamp** - Join IVSA for our Summer Bootcamp Program in Math and Reading to keep your student's skills sharp over the summer
- **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.



Full-Time Academy CORNER

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!

The screenshot shows the IVSA DITL homepage. On the left is a navigation menu with options like Home, Profile, Assignments, Documents, Progress, Sown To Grow, Navigation, Home Academy, Weekly Tables, Study, and Central Education. The main content area features a grid of course categories: English, Math, Science, English/Music, and Social Studies. Below this is a list of course links: LINK to IMPACT, LINK to MATH, LINK to SCIENCE, LINK to ENGLISH/MUSIC, and LINK to SOCIAL STUDIES. A callout box on the left says "Tyler can access his course links here." A callout box on the right says "He can check his schedule on the homepage." At the bottom, it says "IMPACT Check-in with Kyle, Mrs. Evans & Syd".

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).



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.



School Partner Corner

Event Information

IVSA Lunch and Learn

Date: Tuesday, March 18

Time: 12:00 – 12:45 PM CST

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

Join us for a session designed exclusively for our IVSA partner schools! This is your opportunity to engage with:

- ✦ **Our School Counselor & Student Success Team**
- ✦ **Our Operations Team**
- ✦ **Our Teaching Team**
- ✦ **PLUS: A Sneak Peek at Our 3 Exciting Summer Programs!**

Whether you have questions, feedback, or simply want to touch base, we'd love to connect with you.

Let us know if you'll be joining – we look forward to seeing you there!

When?

Tuesday, Mar 18, 2025, 12:00 PM

Where?

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



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.

Coming Up!

IMPORTANT DATES 📅

March 4: Last Spring Cohort Start Date

March 18: IVSA School Partner Lunch and Learn

March 24-28: No School for FT Academy - Spring Break

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

ILLINOIS VIRTUAL SCHOOLS & ACADEMY

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 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

	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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