

Frequently Asked Questions

General

What grades are offered by Indiana Gateway Digital Academy (INGDA)?

INGDA is an online program of the Clarksville Community School Corporation and offers full-time enrollment for grades K–11 for the 2020–2021 school year.

What subjects will my child study?

Language arts/English, math, science, and history are core courses. There are other courses in the appropriate grade levels such as art, health, music, and world languages. High school students can choose from a variety of electives.

How do art and music lessons look in an online environment?

Art and music lessons begin online, and like many of our courses, there are then interactive age appropriate hands-on activities to complete offline. In elementary grades, students are shipped materials* or use household items to complete projects.

Does INGDA provide textbooks and other instructional materials?

Yes, we provide the textbooks and instructional materials that are needed. These materials are sent to students directly* and are dependent on the student's grade level and their specific courses. High school students receive fewer materials than elementary and middle school students.

Can my child work at his or her own pace?

Elementary, middle, and high school students complete lessons in synchronous and asynchronous sessions and are expected to complete quizzes, tests, and other assignments in a timely manner. The specific schedule depends on the students' personalized learning plan and class connect schedule. Class connect sessions take place at designated times during the week.

How much time do students spend on the computer?

We expect that students spend no more than 15 to 30 percent of their school time on the computer in grades K–5, 50 to 70 percent in grades 6–8, and nearly their entire school day in grades 9–11. Time online is spent working on asynchronous lessons, working in Class Connects with teachers synchronously, and collaborating with peers in engaging assignments and projects. We believe in a balanced approach toward education. Computers help us provide you with effective assessment, planning, and time-management tools. Computers also act as powerful teaching tools that can motivate, stimulate, and inform children about the world around them. They help facilitate a solid education, they do not replace one. That's why we use a unique multimedia approach that includes a great deal of traditional books, workbooks, and instructional materials.*

Can you accommodate the accelerated learning needs of my advanced learner?

The approach to the program is adaptable to meet children where they are in any given subject and take them where they want to go. K12-powered teachers work directly with parents and students to ensure proper placement into the curriculum.

How do students interact socially?

Throughout the year, students are invited to participate in virtual and in-person school outings, field trips (e.g., to historical sites, museums, zoos), picnics, and other social events. Local students and parents can get together on a regular basis. There are also opportunities to join online clubs.**

Do you provide curriculum for special needs children?

Depending on a child's Individualized Education Program, we can tailor our curriculum to meet your student's needs. To discuss your child's needs with us, please contact our office at **877.763.8552**, to be in touch with our special education team.

Will anyone be coming into my home?

Typically, there are no home visits as part of the program, and it is highly unusual for staff to visit the home. In the event that an in-person meeting is necessary, meetings are set up at a public venue.

Enrollment & Attendance

How do I enroll my student?

Visit the INGDA website at INGDA.K12.com to find out how to enroll.

Who is eligible to attend INGDA?

Any student in grades K–11 who resides in Indiana is eligible for full-time enrollment.

How many of my children can I enroll in INGDA?

Because INGDA provides curriculum for grades K–11, parents find it easy to enroll multiple children.

Am I able to enroll one student online and another in a traditional school?

Yes. Families decide what works best for their children.

What does it cost to attend INGDA?

INGDA is a public school, so there is no tuition.† We provide Indiana-licensed teachers and instructional materials.* Students and families are responsible for providing some consumable materials (such as printer ink and paper). Enrollment consultants can help address technological and computer questions.

What is the attendance policy?

As Indiana public school students, students enrolled in INGDA must comply with the state-required minimum number of 180 instructional days. Attendance is logged daily in the Online School by a parent or Learning Coach. Parents are required to acknowledge and accept the attendance laws upon enrollment. INGDA works with families toward a positive attendance record.

Will there be an orientation and what kind of direct communication will I have with INGDA?

Families may attend an in-person or virtual Parent Orientation, and students complete the Online Learning course via the Online School.

Families must maintain regular communication with INGDA teachers. Students and Learning Coaches must check their email and phone messages daily.

Students must attend all required Class Connect live sessions as directed by their teachers and according to their personalized learning plan.

Teachers are required to respond to email and phone calls within in 24 hours.

Can our family take a vacation during the school year?

The school calendar includes holidays or vacation time. Whenever possible, family vacations should align with school vacation days. Parents are encouraged to contact their student's teacher if they plan a vacation that does not coordinate with the school calendar.

Extended family travel, except during school vacation periods, requires written notification and approval by the Head of School. This should be completed at least one week prior to the extended absence.

Will there be dual credit offerings?

INGDA plans to offer dual credit offerings in the near future.

Will my student be able to participate in athletics?

Only students of Clarkesville School Corporation attendance zone would be permitted to participate in sports. Students have to request participation in athletics with the school district of residence. INGDA provides any needed eligibility information.

What tests are required as part of the program?

Students who are enrolled at INGDA are required to take the following tests:

- Course lesson assessments
- Course unit assessments
- Semester assessments
- Mandatory Indiana state-assessments

Will my child have to participate in state testing?

Yes, students enrolled in INGDA are required to participate in district and state testing. This is a mandatory part of the school and required by Indiana statute.

Technical FAQs

Do I need to own a computer to attend?

Students are provided a computer upon enrollment. These computer systems are instructional property and must be returned when the student leaves the school. If a family does not wish to receive another computer, they can decline. INGDA arranges for technical support and troubleshooting. Each family secures their own internet service provider.

What computer skills are required?

The Learning Coach needs basic computer skills. The program is user-friendly. Use of the computer is important, but in the early grades, it is mostly the Learning Coach who interacts with the computer.

What does the computer system loaned by INGDA include?

Computers loaned by INGDA follow the [technical specs listed here](#).

*Course materials vary by course and school; please check with your school.

**Opportunities vary by school; please visit your school page or check with your school counselor.

†Families do not pay tuition for a student to attend an online public school. Common household items and office supplies like printer ink and paper are not provided. Our enrollment consultants can help address your technological and computer questions and needs.