

Walton County School District

Innovative Learning Digital Academy

Innovative Learning Digital Academy (virtually at home with enrollment in your current school; synchronized interaction with an instructor and peers five days a week) WCSD students will have an option of attending their enrolled school as an **Innovative Learning Digital Academy** student. This option is for students in grades K-12 who wish to continue their education full-time through an innovative learning environment but still maintain their connection to their enrolled schools. Every Walton County School will have their own Innovative Learning Digital Academy that is unique to that school community. A student's learning and instruction will take place online with teachers from their school via web conferencing technology. This model provides a learning model that reflects the district's commitment to providing students with high-quality instructional experiences with synchronized real-time interaction with teachers each school day for every class with a built-in lunch break. All core subjects will be available; however, because not all electives can be provided through an online environment, elective offerings are limited.

Students' success in our Innovative Learning Digital Academy is dependent on both the student and parent's investment in this learning environment, and parents who elect to have their child participate in our Innovative Learning Digital Academy agree to monitor academic progress and coursework. Parent and student responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Monitor student progress and contact the teacher(s) with any concerns
- Ensure student keeps pace within his/her courses and completes all assignments weekly
- Ensure student's daily participation in classes and adherence to the daily class schedule

Students will have scheduled synchronous (live web conferencing instruction) class meetings, digital resources and assignments, replicating the standard school day bell schedule virtually.

What to Expect from Innovative Learning Digital Academy

- students are learning from their own home and will need access to the internet and a computer. Internet access is required.
- live instruction is provided remotely, and students will have access to their assigned teacher(s) during the regular school day hours, five days a week for structured distance learning
- elementary students can expect daily lessons with live interactions via web conferencing with a built-in lunch break
- secondary students can expect daily web conferencing interactions for every academic period
- attendance will be taken daily in each period for secondary and each day for elementary

Additional Supports for Students and Families

- Access to a library of tutorials, trouble-shooting, and tech support
- Tips and strategies to support students learning off campus

While many courses will be available through Online, some courses will only be offered through the Traditional option or through Walton Virtual School.

Please note that ALL of our students will follow Walton County School Board approved policies and procedures for their school of enrollment, including those located in the Walton County Student Progression Plan and the Walton County Student Code of Conduct.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is the ILDA option similar to WCSD At Home Learning from this past Spring 2020?

No. *Students that attend our Innovative Learning Digital Academy will follow a regular school schedule and will interact with their teachers throughout the school day using web conferencing technology.* Daily student-teacher interactions will provide a structure similar to a classroom setting and teachers will facilitate and guide student learning. Additionally, course materials will be consistent across schools and classrooms, limiting the number of platforms students need to access to complete their assignments.

How will students with special needs be accommodated when participating in ILDA?

If an IEP team offers FAPE via an IEP which can be implemented through the traditional brick & mortar option and parent opts for virtual instead, services will be different. The IEP team will communicate this with the parent & collaborate with them to determine reasonable and appropriate services to address their child's needs. Walton County School District will make a reasonable & good faith effort to provide students participating in our Innovative Learning Digital Academy with services to address their needs via a Distance Learning Plan. Our Innovative Learning Digital Academy may require students to participate in on-site specialized services and progress monitoring. Part of a reasonable good faith effort to provide services may require students to safely participate in some on-site specialized services.