CENTRAL NOBLE DIGITAL ACADEMY

Through our partnership with <u>Indiana Online Academy (IOA)</u>, Central Noble Sr High offers a full-time virtual option to students who wish to remain enrolled in the Central Noble school district. This allows students to fully participate in extracurricular activities and events.

All courses are designed to meet the Indiana State Standards, are accredited by Cognia (formerly AdvancED), and are approved by the NCAA. Our Advanced Placement courses have also been approved by the College Board. All high school courses that Indiana Online Academy offers are developed and taught by Indiana licensed teachers, each teaching within his or her content area.

Because Indiana Online Academy does not have physical classrooms, we rely on our Learning Management System (LMS) for the purpose of our internet-based learning, as well as video conferencing software to connect with our students.

We believe in:

- infusing current digital learning skills for each student in all Indiana Online classes.
- providing academic challenges for each student.
- using a variety of teaching strategies to motivate each student to successfully master standards.
- giving each student an equal opportunity to learn.
- assisting each student to assume responsibility for personalized learning.
- providing each student with highly qualified, licensed teachers for every course.
- providing a high-tech environment with the means for frequent, personalized contact between the teacher and each student.

IOA's mission is to help learners achieve their educational goals in an online environment that uses innovative technologies that engage students and provide proactive learning opportunities.

We are here to support and serve our students.

General Academy Information

- Students can work on the online course anywhere that they have Internet access.
- Each student will receive a confidential username and password from Indiana Online Academy.
- Each course has a dedicated teacher facilitating the student's learning path.
- Students work with their teacher synchronously at the high school level
- All assignments are submitted to the teacher through a secure website.
- Due dates are listed for all assignments to assist students in completing the course on schedule.
- Students have online discussions and/or chats in a secure environment.
- Final exams are not proctored. Depending on the course, the final may be a project, essay, or a culmination of the content presented throughout the course.
- Credit for each course is awarded by the student's school of record for enrollment.
- All courses are accredited and designed according to Indiana State Standards.

Central Noble Digital Academy Policies



Central Noble Digital Academy Policies 2023-2024

1. Application

Guardians must complete the Central Noble Digital Academy Application Form. This can be requested by emailing vknepper@centralnoble.k12.in.us.

The Director of Digital Learning, Vickie Knepper, will consult with families, the Digital Academy Board and special education teachers, as necessary, to determine if online learning is appropriate and can be successful for each student. At the high school level, counselors will determine the courses for the students to ensure that they remain on their graduation pathways.

2. Curriculum & Fees

Indiana Online Academy will provide the curriculum. There may be a few novels that have to be purchased and any dual credit course could have a textbook.

Students will be charged \$35 per course. This fee covers the instructors, online platform, and curriculum. Families can apply for free or reduced benefits by completing an application for curricular materials assistance. Students are generally scheduled for at least 5 courses per semester.

3. Timelines

High school students will be on semesters, which are completely synchronous (Indiana Online Academy core curriculum via live Zoom sessions).

Grades 9-12 Probationary period: If a student accumulates 3 absences or is behind more than 3 assignments in the first two weeks of the IOA semester, the student will be asked to return to in-person learning.

Otherwise, students may only switch at the grading terms.

4. Orientation

An orientation meeting between counselor/guardian/student will take place at the time of moving from in-person to online and vice-versa to promote a successful transition to a new learning platform. Students and their guardians will be contacted by a representative from Indiana Online Academy before classes begin.

5. Attendance

Students are expected to check their Central Noble emails daily. Guardians must ensure that the student

attends any "live" (synchronous) learning and completes their assigned work. This scheduled time will be a priority for the student. Live classes count for attendance and a portion of the student's grade.

Students/Guardians must inform their online instructors of any scheduled or unscheduled absences by emailing attendance@indianaonline.org.

If a student accumulates 12 or more absences, per the Central Noble Jr/Sr High School Attendance Policy, they are considered habitually truant and a meeting will be held to determine if the student can move forward with IOA.

6. Grades

Grades can be monitored at any time through Indiana Online, but the grades are entered into Power School in accordance with Central Noble Jr/Sr High School grading periods for grades 9-12. These are included in transcripts.

Guardians should encourage students to ask questions, to participate in class discussions, and to ask for help when support is needed.

If a student fails two or more classes per grading period, a meeting will be held to determine if the student can move forward with IOA.

7. Technology

Students will use the devices (Chromebooks) provided by the Central Noble to participate in CN Digital Academy. Indiana Online Academy has a <u>help desk</u> for issues related to their classes and Central Noble Community schools has a helpline 260-636-2117 ext. 1004 and an <u>email</u> for issues related to the devices.

Guardians must ensure that the student has the necessary equipment, internet access/bandwidth, and any other equipment needed to participate in Central Noble Digital Academy.

Students will sign and comply with the Central Noble Community Schools Acceptable Use Policy.

8. State testing

Students will participate in district and statewide assessments. These will be in-person as required by the state, so they may not be taken at home. By law, statewide assessments must be completed in person and will be administered by Central Noble staff.

9. Discipline

Students will be considered students of Central Noble Community Schools and held to the Student Handbook for their given grade.

The following additional stipulation applies only to a student placed in Central Noble Digital Academy as an alternative to expulsion:

Indiana Law, statutes IC 20-33-8-24, gives schools the authority to determine appropriate settings for students to ensure school safety and maintain an orderly learning environment. Therefore, Central Noble Community Schools reserves the right to determine the formal conditions under which the student is allowed to be enrolled. Our program for students who are considered to be disorderly or dangerous involves restricting their ability to participate or attend in extracurricular events or to be on school property without permission.

By signing this contract, both the parent and student agree that they understand the requirements provided, will meet the listed requirements and expectations, and they understand the student's success depends on their meeting of the expectations and requirements. Finally, the parent and student understand that if requirements and expectations are not met, the student may lose their opportunity to participate in online learning.

| Student's Name (please print): | Grade Level: | |
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| Student's Signature: | Date: | |
| Parent/Guardian's Name (please print): | | |
| Parent/Guardian's Signature: | | |
| Address: | | |
| E-mail: | | |
| Parent/Guardian's Cell Phone Number: | | |
| Student Cell Phone: | | |
| Please remember to also complete the Centra vknepper@centralnoble.k12.in.us | l Noble Digital Academy Applica | ation <u>Form</u> . Request from |
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Enrollment / Registration

Students already enrolled in the district must complete the Central Noble Online Academy Policies Agreement and Google Form to apply.

Out of district families must additionally complete the application for enrollment into the Central Noble Community Schools. <u>Out of District Request Form</u>



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Go to the website & follow the instructions on the guide provided to enroll the NEW STUDENT:

http://www.centralnoble.k12.in.us/info-center/registration

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Review, sign & return the Central Noble
Digital Academy Online Policies agreement
& Google Form:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iYqdjbGnGJXPhq6 Vg8nXFg4t-s5rt7xFjtorL2XQ3hM/edit?usp=sharing

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If approved, you will be contacted by the Director of Digital Learning, Vickie Knepper, to schedule classes!

Call/Text ???/????

Email:

knepperv@centralnoble.k12.in.us

Approval

A committee of building leaders, counselors, and the Director of Digital Learning review the applications and determine if the online learning platform can be successful in meeting the needs of the student.



- You may be contacted by your counselor/Director of Digital Learning to finalize you schedule, reiterate expectations, and answer any questions you may have.
- Your school gmail will be sent via mail and will be included in your Digital Learning packet.
- You will be contacted by an Indiana Online Academy program specialist for orientation.
- The website to access Indiana Online is: https://io.geniussis.com/PublicWelcome.aspx

