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**INTERNATIONAL
CONNECTIONS
ACADEMY**

FULLY ACCREDITED, AFFORDABLE, K-12 PRIVATE ONLINE SCHOOL

ABOUT *our school*

Sometimes a traditional private school is not the best fit. Whether you want more preparation for college; a focus on career readiness; a uniquely individualized learning plan; accelerated academics; or flexibility for sports, music, or other pursuits, International Connections Academy (iNaCA) can give you what you're looking for! We are a fully accredited, affordable, K-12 private online school.



Many of our students and families find that iNaCA provides the ideal way to learn. You can tailor your student's course selections to strengthen skills or match interests and set daily school schedules that let him or her maximize time learning. And because your child gets to learn at home or in another setting of your choice, you have more control over what, how, and when your student learns.

Over the past decade working with families to fulfill their educational dreams, we have learned a lot about which factors improve the likelihood of success. That's why we provide:

- a **high-quality curriculum** with core courses and electives
- support from **caring, qualified teachers** specially trained to teach online
- **individualized learning plans** that take your child's unique needs into account
- **flexibility** for students and families to have a school/life balance



INTERNATIONAL
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BASIC FACTS

Founded in
2009

with first graduating
class in 2010

iNaCA is **accredited** and
offers course instruction through
12th grade leading to a high
school diploma and graduation.

**Full-time, part-time,
or summer school
courses** are available.

Experienced,
caring, and
accommodating
TEACHERS

156
graduates

in class of 2019



1,000+
students enrolled

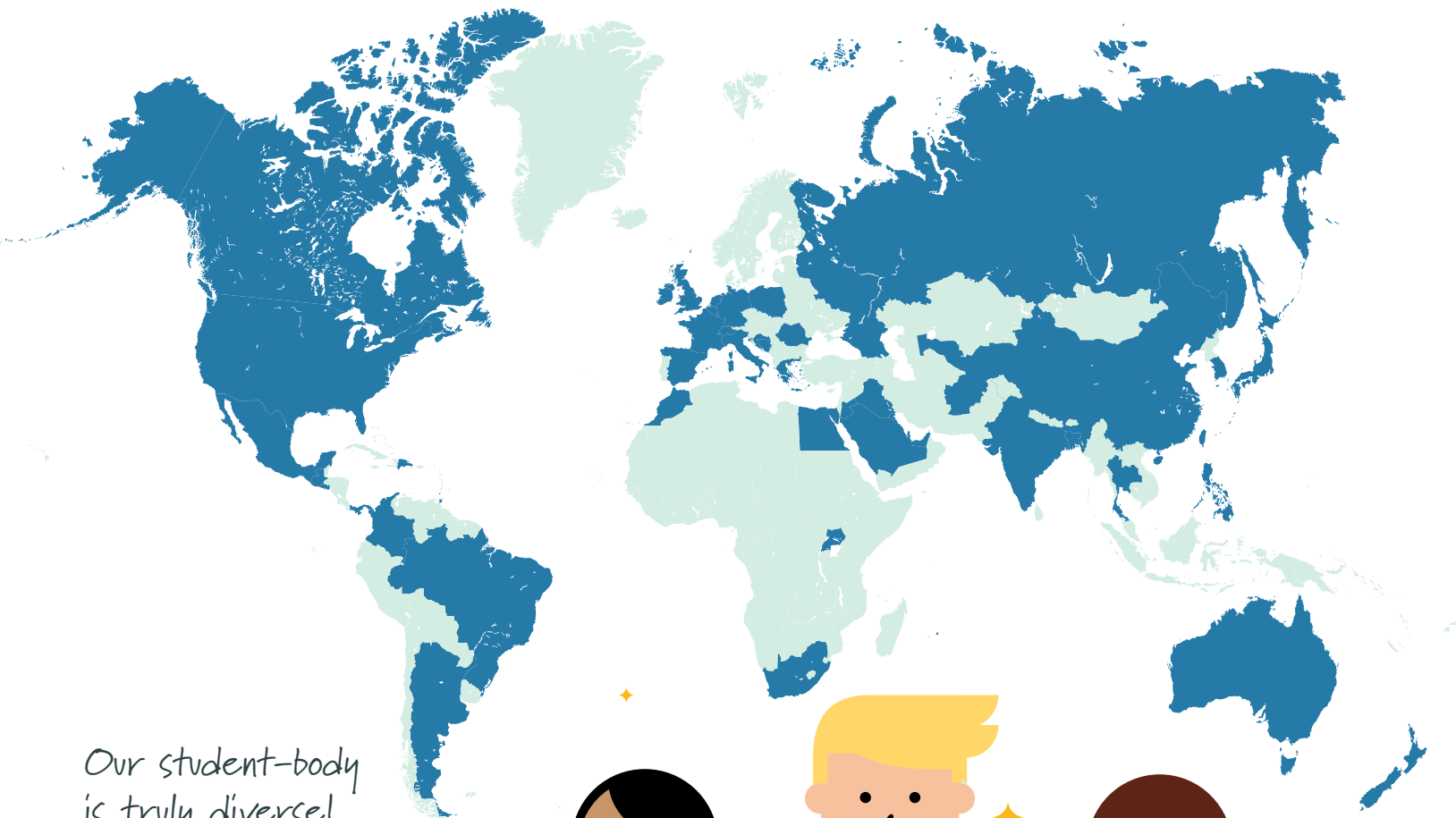
in full-time and
part-time courses

Private school
with flexible schedule
and no state testing
requirement

OPEN ENROLLMENT



Our student-body
is truly diverse!
We have students
from over
50 countries!



Is private virtual school right for you?

From students to athletes to actors to young activists, we understand that your student is unique, with needs and expectations that may not be served in a neighborhood school. Maybe your family travels a lot or has experienced bullying, or your current school has a limited selection of courses that could help your student thrive.



“We have grown incredibly as a family since enrolling our children at International Connections Academy. It has been a positive experience for all of us.”

Jennifer
PARENT AND
LEARNING COACH

Kennedy
5TH GRADE

“I stay in touch with my friends. Just because I switched to online school doesn't mean we aren't friends anymore. And, I have made new friends at Connections Academy in my class and we talk by Webmail.”



iNaCA WORKS WELL FOR FAMILIES WHO ...

- Desire a strong role in their child's education
- Prefer to have regular contact with their student's teachers
- Want to help monitor student comprehension and progress and can help organize and structure the learning day
- Can dedicate time to keeping their student motivated and will provide ongoing guidance and encouragement
- Will encourage students to interact with others through school and community activities
- Want their student to develop technology skills he or she can use in college and the workforce

iNaCA IS A GOOD FIT FOR STUDENTS WHO ...

- Require classes and study times to accommodate their travel, family schedule, or other needs
- Need ultimate flexibility to pursue other interests and talents
- Want challenging honors and AP^{®*} courses or exciting electives
- Want to pursue dual credit programs to get a head start on college requirements
- Live in states that don't offer a Connections Academy[®]-supported public school
- Want to take an online course during the summer
- Want to use the latest technology tools to prepare for tomorrow's careers

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Have questions?

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Make each day as unique as your student!

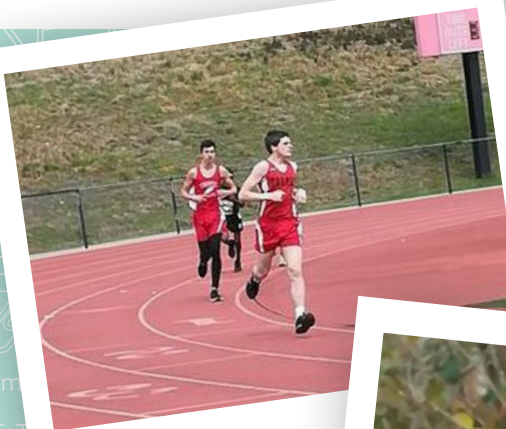
Not every student learns the same way. That's why we believe students and families should have the flexibility to structure their days. iNaCA lets you maximize the times during the day when your student learns best. You can also fit in social activities, sports practices, music lessons, religious studies, or other learning activities that are important to you!

Flexibility for learning—and life!

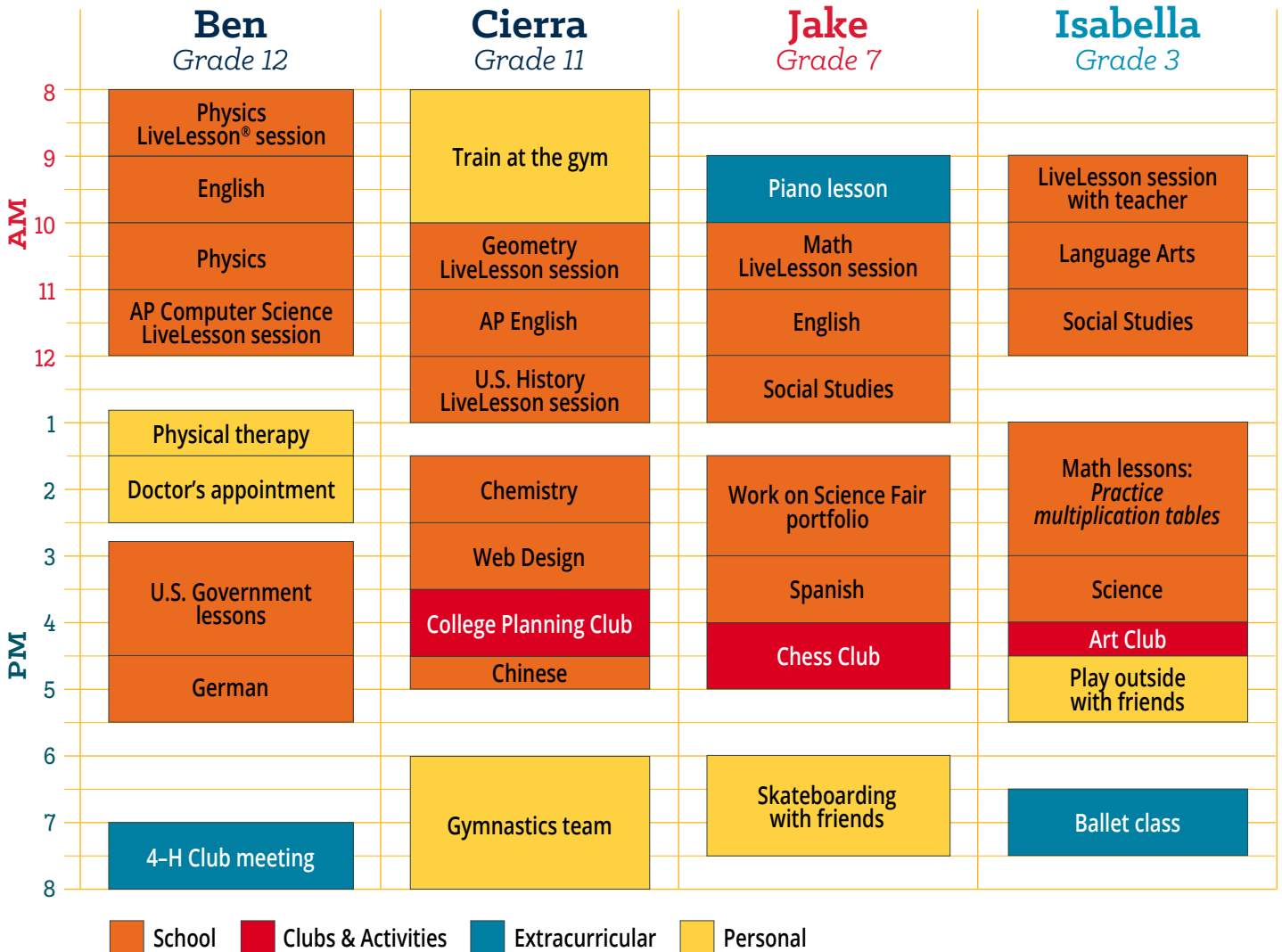
Although you do have to participate in coursework regularly and have the opportunity to attend scheduled LiveLesson® sessions, virtual schooling provides greater flexibility in how and when your student allocates time for schoolwork. Many families turn to iNaCA because it allows them to create a customized learning schedule. The schedules on this page are just four examples of how our students connect with what is important to them.

“I can work at my own pace and graduate early. I also like that I can go on vacation and do my work while I am there.”

Alex
9TH GRADE



You can create
a schedule that works
best for your student!





Is your situation unique?
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How does online school work?

International Connections Academy puts students at the center of a school model that includes parents and teachers working together to improve students' chances to succeed. Free from the distractions of the traditional classroom, students spend their time focused on their coursework and have time to pursue their passions.

Our superb program challenges and inspires young minds, provides a strong foundation in the basics, and ensures that students gain the knowledge and skills they will need to excel in today's global economy. With the student at the heart of every decision, learning becomes a rewarding experience. We call this approach Personalized Performance Learning®. At iNaCA, the teacher uses our award-winning curriculum and works with you or another trusted adult in the role of the Learning Coach. We personalize the student's learning to achieve the best possible results.

While most students are enrolled in iNaCA full time, we also have many students who enroll on a part-time basis to take individual courses. Whether attending part time or full time, each iNaCA student receives high-quality instruction tailored to his or her needs.

Summer courses on the go!

With 100+ courses to choose from and flexible start dates, iNaCA makes it possible to fit schooling around summer activities. Our summer program is flexible, allowing students to:

- satisfy graduation requirements or accelerate academic progress
- recover credit to stay on track
- catch up or enhance existing skills for grades K-8

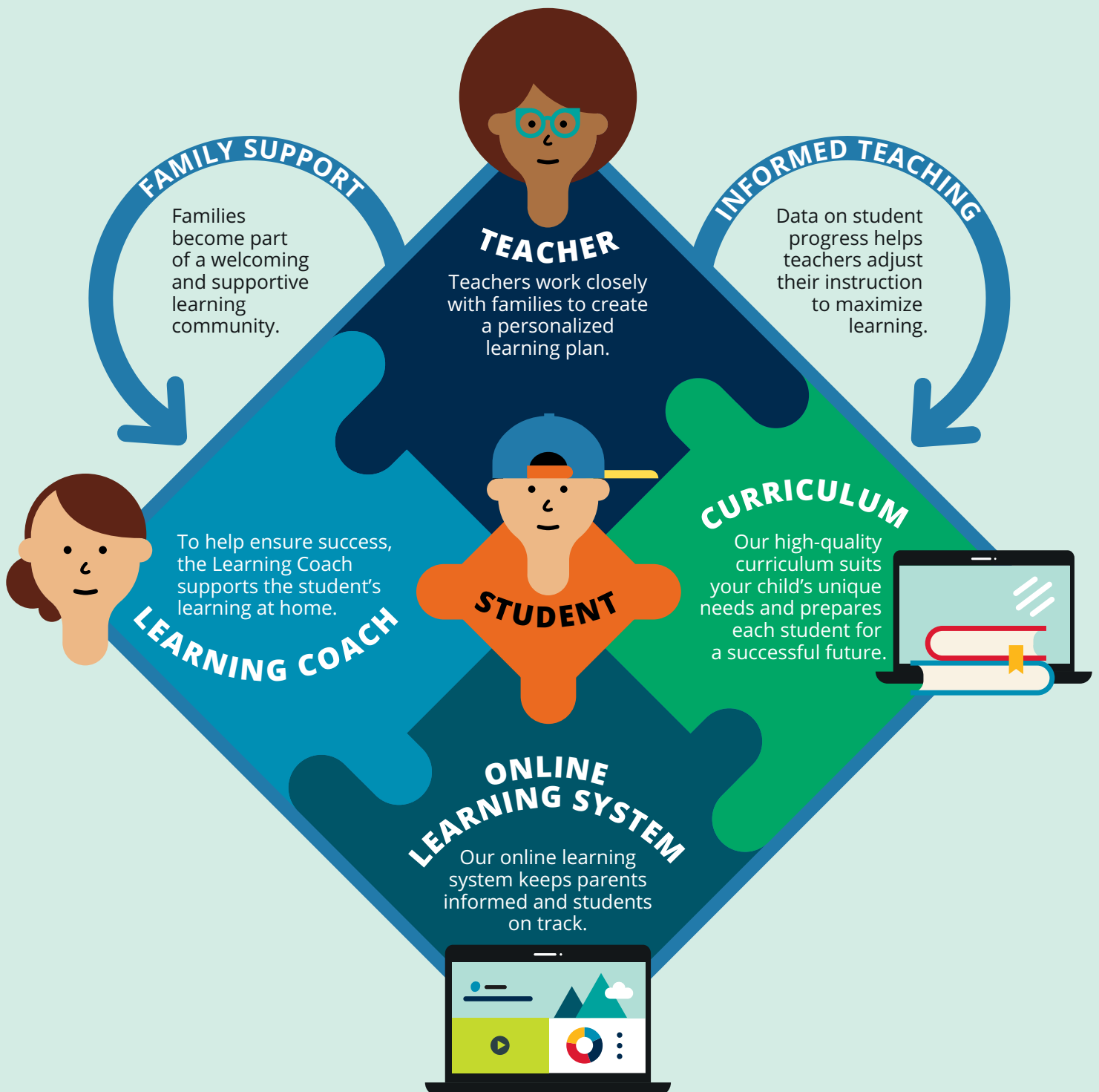
We also offer part-time courses to help supplement students' education, including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); gifted and talented; honors; and college-credit courses.



**Learn more
about summer or
part-time courses.**

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STUDENT-CENTERED LEARNING

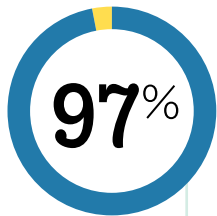


Our caring, certified teachers support your student!

Our dedicated, high-quality teachers respect young people and believe in collaborating with parents to prepare each student for success. These close bonds enable teachers to make life-changing connections with their students.

Because they get to know their students individually, iNaCA teachers can personalize lessons and coursework to ensure that each student receives the right degree of challenge and support. They continually monitor student participation and performance and provide important, timely feedback.

iNaCA teachers receive intensive training in online instruction, learning how to put our powerful interactive resources and tools to work in order to motivate and engage students. Through periodic, real-time LiveLesson® sessions, they create the lively personal interactions of a traditional classroom in an online setting.



*of parents
are satisfied
with the
helpfulness
of their
child's teacher*



Learn more!

ATTEND AN INFO
SESSION OR A WEBINAR



Natasha
PARENT

“I can see the enormous progress my daughter has made from the beginning of kindergarten to the end of the school year. She is reading more fluently and her vocabulary has grown significantly. She also enjoys connecting what she is learning in school to experiences outside the virtual classroom.”



Kymn Van Dyken

HIGH SCHOOL
MATH TEACHER

“Teaching at iNaCA allows me to focus on the individual student. Our graduates will have the foundational skills to succeed in college. In addition, the online environment teaches students to become self-starters, while giving them the technology skills to excel in the 21st century.”



Jason Agins

HIGH SCHOOL
SOCIAL STUDIES
TEACHER

“The benefit of teaching at an online school versus a bricks-and-mortar school is that there’s a lot more one-on-one attention for students—I can give the student my full attention without worrying about the bell ringing!”



Ms. Spencer

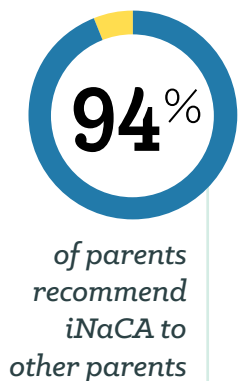
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TEACHER

“I enjoy working with students one on one in my LiveLesson® session room, in small groups, or during full-class sessions to ensure that each student is learning at his or her own pace and that they are successful!”

Education that is tailored for your student!

Because your student is in a classroom of one, his or her programming can be tailored to his or her needs. Our Personalized Performance Learning approach lets us adapt each student's instructional program to motivate, inspire, and provide the best opportunity for success.

Each International Connections Academy student receives a personalized learning plan designed to help him or her flourish. How does this work?



- 1 We conduct assessments** to identify and evaluate a student's strengths and challenges. This allows us to tailor each student's instruction appropriately.
- 2 Regular testing and evaluation** of student work shows us how to modify a student's program for continued success.
- 3 Teachers are available to provide extra help** as needed. They develop individual plans to provide the extra time, attention, and practice each student needs.
- 4 Our gifted and talented program*** allows gifted students to deepen, broaden, and accelerate their learning.



Learn more!

LEARN ABOUT THE
ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Your role as a parent

Experience shows that a student learns best as part of an inclusive and welcoming community of parents, teachers, and classmates—all working toward a common goal. Together, they chart a path to student success. At iNaCA, parents typically take on the Learning Coach role.

As the Learning Coach, you have many opportunities to enhance and personalize the online school experience. You can maintain a comfortable environment that enables your student to focus on learning. The Learning Coach may also provide the structure a student needs by establishing and managing the daily routine and staying in touch with teachers.

*Learning Coach activities
and daily time commitment*



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 5 HOURS

Naturally, elementary school students need the most guidance and oversight from their Learning Coaches. The Learning Coach spends time communicating with teachers, monitoring progress and grades, helping with organization and study skills.



MIDDLE SCHOOL 2–3 HOURS

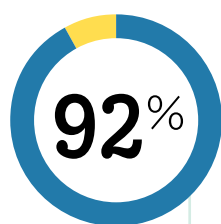
In middle school, your student works more independently with subject-specialist teachers and may have more LiveLesson sessions. The Learning Coach spends time communicating with teachers, monitoring progress and grades, helping with organization and study skills.



HIGH SCHOOL ½ – 1 HOUR

In high school, your student has a firmer schedule and completes most work online. The Learning Coach checks progress and encourages the student to contact the teacher for help when needed.

Our curriculum prepares your student for the future!



of parents agree that the curriculum is high quality

Our online curriculum is a highly effective alternative to a traditional private or homeschool curriculum. It's designed to help students gain the knowledge and thinking skills they'll need for life, work, and higher education.

With the best resources at their fingertips, students master core subjects: language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. We also offer a broad range of electives, gifted and talented courses, honors and AP® courses,* and Career and Technical Education (CTE).



At each grade level, we lay the groundwork for future success by:

- Building a solid foundation in required courses
- Developing lifelong learning and communication skills
- Encouraging exploration, critical thinking, and problem-solving
- Providing transparency into curriculum and grades so you can track student progress



Ready

1. Talk about hibernation.
2. Look at the pictures. Read the words.

Objectives

- Develop reading and oral vocabulary using high-frequency words we, my, like and words for seasons
- Identify whether a selection is real or fantasy
- Identify animals that hibernate like a bear
- Identify and use adjectives in sentences

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL






Learn more!
TAKE A PEEK AT OUR
SAMPLE LESSONS

Explore

The Art of Pop

One style that used the tools of color and emphasis masterfully was pop art. This movement started in the 1950s and was a drastic departure from what was considered to be traditional art. Instead of beautiful scenery and majestic portraits, pop art used items and individuals from popular culture as the subject of the art. Andy Warhol created a series of prints that repeated a Campbell's soup can. He also used the same technique to repeat images of Marilyn Monroe, an iconic actress. Roy Lichtenstein created large-scale images in the style of comic book art, complete with word bubbles, and used bright colors to make the imagery stand out.

These artists chose subject matter that was considered to be either utilitarian or popular for the time period and created an art style that grabbed people's attention. Although it was not regarded as "art" at first, this has become a movement that has remained a constant and powerful part of art history.


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MIDDLE SCHOOL

Evolution of the European Union

Introduction and Instructions

- ☐ 1952: European Coal and Steel Community
- ☐ 1973: European Economic Community (EEC) (Known as the 'Common Market')
- ☐ 1995: European Union



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HIGH SCHOOL

Technology as a jumping-off point!

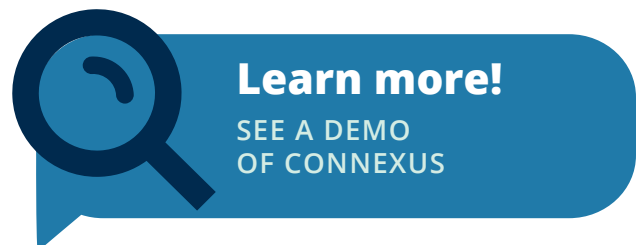
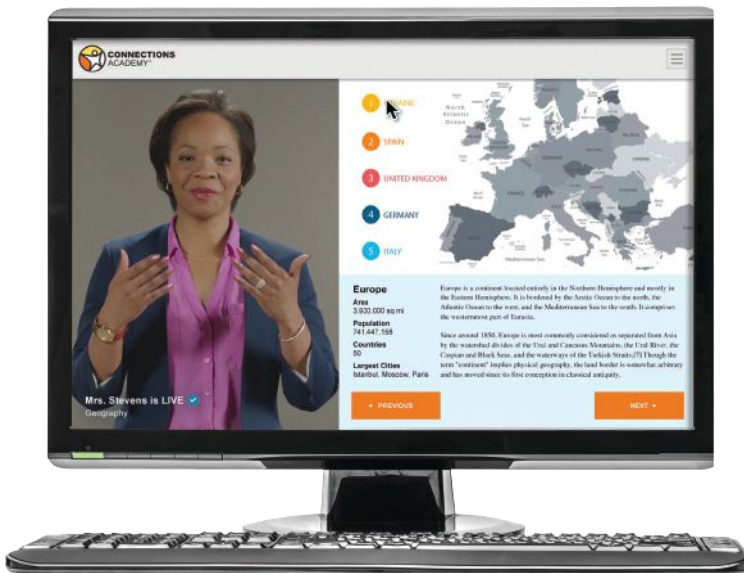
Education technology works best when it makes learning relatable, meaningful, and fun. That's why we develop many of our own engaging virtual tools and resources. It all starts with our online learning system, which brings the school experience right to students.

Connexus®: your new home base

Our online platform is the engine that makes learning at iNaCA possible. At home or wherever the internet is accessible, this user-friendly system connects students with lessons, teachers, and a wide range of resources. We designed Connexus from the ground up to meet the needs of our students and their families. Available around the clock, Connexus is accessible on the internet from your own computer. Upon enrollment, families receive step-by-step training to get them up to speed with the system's features. For ongoing assistance and support, our expert tech team is just a phone call away.

LiveLesson® sessions

Students benefit from periodic live online sessions provided by their teachers as needed, based on course content and the learning needs of the student. These LiveLesson sessions offer the interaction of a traditional classroom in an online setting.



Deepen your learning with clubs and activities

Our online clubs and activities provide students with the opportunity to deepen their learning and engagement while forging friendships with students around the globe. These rich, teacher-directed offerings are an important part of our commitment to provide a well-rounded education and are open to students at every grade level.

Calling all interests!

With a large variety of **academically focused clubs*** and **engaging activities**, students can customize learning as they pursue their passions, whether their interest lies in art, music, sports, broadcasting, debate, or writing for the student blog. They can delve into gaming and technology, math competitions, chess club, science, or robotics.

* Specific clubs are subject to change.



Ready to apply?

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“My husband and I have seen a huge progression with our girls since they started attending iNaCA. Both Arianne and Daphné get excited that they are able to be involved in all the activities the school offers.”

Danielle
PARENT AND
LEARNING COACH

Take the next step

Online education can transform a child's life, but getting started can be a big change for parents. International Connections Academy offers many orientation activities and resources to help you. Our onboarding program helps ensure that you receive the support and tools you need to succeed in virtual schooling. We also offer orientation to get you off to a strong start and 24/7 online help in addition to help from teachers and school staff.

Tuition

We offer affordable payment options that fit your needs, and a limited number of scholarships are available to those students who apply and qualify. Your child's tuition includes enrollment in our private school; use of all required course materials; access to our proprietary education management system; highly qualified teachers and support staff; and a rigorous, challenging curriculum.

For complete details about tuition and fees, discounts, and our refund policy, visit InternationalConnectionsAcademy.com or call +1-888-440-2899 to speak with one of our admissions advisors.



Important steps

Check our [admissions calendar](#) for the latest information on deadlines for:

- First semester
- Second semester
- **Early decision discount:** Don't miss out on our early decision discount of 10 percent if you commit to full-time enrollment for the following school year by the deadline.
- **Early enrollment discount:** Or take advantage of our early enrollment discount of 5 percent for enrolling by the deadline.

Students who enroll early will have a proven advantage, as they have more time to prepare for success.

Families who need to enroll after the semester has started will benefit from consulting with teachers and counselors within the first few days.

READY *to apply?*

We accept enrollment applications throughout the school year, and our dedicated admissions advisors will help you with the admissions process every step of the way.

1 Start your application online

You can select either full-time, part-time, or summer enrollment on our [online application](#).

2 Pay the registration fee*

- Gather and submit all required forms for your student(s).
- If you are applying for a scholarship, begin the scholarship application.
- Check your account to verify that you have met all requirements for enrollment.
- Finalize tuition payment or set up a payment plan.

3 Confirm your mailing address

4 Confirm your student's course selections*

- **K-8 students:** Placement will be handled by our placement support team.
- **9-12 students:** We will schedule a placement appointment to finalize your student's courses.

5 You're all set!

- Organize learning materials.
- Speak with your student's teacher.
- Complete online orientation.
- **Start classes!**

* Steps 2 and 4 only apply to full-time students



Call **+1-888-440-2899** to enroll
or if you have questions

CONNECT YOUR CHILD *to a world of learning!*



Attend an information session

International Connections Academy hosts a variety of **sessions** for prospective families and students who want to learn more about our engaging online education program.

Call to speak to an admissions advisor

We're here to talk about your student's needs. Give us a call at **+1-888-440-2899** to talk about how our online private school can fit!

Apply for admission

Visit our **website** to apply for full-time, part-time, or summer school admission!



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