

## 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 (ILDA)** 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 school. Every Walton County District 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 option 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. Parents who elect to have their child participate in this option 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 as assigned
- 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, all replicating the standard school day bell schedule virtually.

**Please visit our ILDA website and the WALTON COUNTY INSTRUCTIONAL INNOVATIVE REOPENING PLAN SUMMARY CHART for additional information related to ILDA.** <https://www.walton.k12.fl.us/Innovative-Learning-Digital-Academy>

#### **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 with a built-in lunch break.
- Attendance will be taken daily in each period for secondary and each day for elementary.
- Please ensure all student contact information is up to date.

#### **Additional Supports for Students and Families**

- Access to a library of tutorials, trouble-shooting, and instructional resource(s) tech support
- Tips and strategies to support students learning off campus

While many courses will be available through ILDA, 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.

### **What is the difference between Walton Virtual School and Innovative Learning Digital Academy?**

**Students who choose full-time Walton Virtual School withdraw from their regular school and switch their enrollment to WVS. Students who wish to participate in online learning while remaining enrolled in their current school should choose Innovative Learning Digital Academy.** Information about WVS and enrollment can be found on the Walton Virtual School website, <https://www.walton.k12.fl.us/walton-virtual-school>. **Students must commit for at least one semester (August through December).** Students will be able to switch their enrollment back to their regular WCSD school at the end of the semester (student's places are held at their previously enrolled school, including students with previously approved Controlled Open Enrollment).

### **How do I know my child is set up for ILDA?**

If families want to participate in the ILDA option, then parents have indicated as such on Walton County School District's (WCSD) Student Intent Form making schools aware of their choice.

### **What if I want to switch now to ILDA from Walton Virtual School (WVS) or traditional school?**

Please call your child's traditional school ASAP to switch to ILDA.

### **How can I find out more information about the details of ILDA?**

Visit the ILDA link on the Walton County School District's website, and/or attend your school's orientation. (Please check your individual school's website for times, locations, and if virtual options are available). Individual schools and/or your child's teacher(s) may reach out with your child's schedule. Schedules may also be available in FOCUS.

### **When does my child start school?**

ILDA students start school on Monday, August 17th. Each school will let parents know their start and end times and their student's schedule.

**How does my child access school from home?**

Students will need a computer and Internet access to participate in ILDA.

**Will a student participating in ILDA be provided a device?**

A student participating in ILDA may check out a device from their school if he/she does not have a computer at home.

**If our family has a computer, may it be used?**

Yes

**Will our home computer need specific software?**

All WCSD programs are web based and can be accessed via the Internet.

**How does a computer connect my child to school?**

Students will access ClassLink, a single sign on system, on their computer. Each student will need to know their username and password for ClassLink. Once in ClassLink, students will click on the Microsoft TEAMS icon and enter their class. Once on TEAMS, teachers may provide live or recorded lessons.

**How will attendance be taken?**

Teachers will take attendance at the beginning of class time. If reading begins at 8:05 a.m., students must be signed into TEAMS and present during roll call at 8:05. If math starts at 10:20 a.m., students must be signed into TEAMS and present during roll call at 10:20.

**What happens if my child is late to class?**

Students will be marked tardy.

**What happens if students are absent for class?**

Students will be marked absent. If a student can submit a doctor or parent note, the absence will be excused. If not, absences are unexcused.

**How many absences or tardies can my child have?**

ILDA students will follow the same attendance policy as traditional students. All will follow the WCSD Code of Conduct.

**Will my child have breaks during the school day?**

Yes, students will have breaks much like traditional school, which can include lunch, recess, or snack. Teachers will indicate breaks in a child's schedule. In rare occasions, students may have unscheduled breaks. For example, if a fire drill occurs at school, an unscheduled break may occur. The ILDA student may mute their volume and turn off their screen, but students should remain in class until the class period resumes.

**Will my child be provided food during ILDA?**

School breakfast and lunches are still an offering even though your child is working from home. Food can be picked up once a week from the school's office. Food service will provide 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches for the week. There is a cost for food, which is the regular school price. If your child is on free lunch, food will be

free. If your child receives reduced lunch price, a reduced price will be offered. Payment is due on collection of food, and food must be reserved in advance.

### **What clothing should an ILDA student wear?**

Students should follow the dress code as defined in the WCSD Code of Conduct. Even though at home, students should not wear pajamas or other clothing that may distract from learning. ILDA should feel like traditional school; therefore, students should dress the part.

### **What are basic forms of etiquette that ILDA students should follow?**

Each teacher will review his or her rules at the start of school with ILDA students; however, there are basic rules of virtual etiquette that students should follow.

- Students should be present and engaged during class.
- It is best practice to create a workspace in your home where your child can concentrate and have access to their necessary school supplies.
- Students should not visit other computer sites or leave their seats during class.
- While waiting on class to start, a child should mute their volume and keep their screen turned off, which is a function in Microsoft TEAMS.
- Background noise, such as pets or cell phones, should be kept to a minimum.
- Students should not eat or create other distractions while on screen. Drinking water is acceptable, but students should not get water on or near their computer.
- Students should click on the "raised hand" icon in Microsoft TEAMS to be recognized.
- Students should not interrupt the teacher while teaching unless it is an emergency.
- Students are **NOT** permitted to record teachers without their permission.

### **What if students have behavior issues while in ILDA?**

Student behaviors should not distract from teaching and class. If misbehavior is repetitive or chronic, ILDA may not be appropriate for your child. Problematic behavior may include disrespect, foul language, cell phone use, tardiness, and other distractions. Please see your Student Handbook and Code of Conduct for a list of infractions.

### **What are basic forms of etiquette for parents of ILDA students?**

Although parents will be in the home to supervise their children, teachers should interact with students during ILDA time. Parents should follow basic etiquette rules for distance learning.

- Parents should **NOT** interrupt class time.
- If parents need to talk with a teacher, they should do so via email or phone call, as they would during a traditional school day.
- Parents are **NOT** permitted to record teachers without their permission, and the recording feature on Microsoft TEAMS will be turned off.
- Parents should be respectful to teachers.

### **What school supplies will my ILDA students need?**

School supply list will be provided by each school.

**How will students take test?**

Students will be provided classroom tests/exams assigned by their teacher through a digital platform. Tests/Exams will be available during class times only. If students are absent during a test/exam, they should make arrangements with their teacher to makeup missed assignments. Please see our WALTON COUNTY INSTRUCTIONAL INNOVATIVE REOPENING PLAN SUMMARY CHART for more information pertaining to State Assessments and District Progress Monitoring requirements.

**How will students be graded?**

Students will be graded just like the traditional setting. The classroom teacher assigns student grades. Please refer to Student Progression Plan for further guidance.

**How will my child's privacy be protected?**

The teacher's screen showing ILDA students will not be broadcast to the classroom. If requested, student names can be kept anonymous. Please sign and return page 45 in the Code of Conduct. Students and teachers will strive to use first names only in the classroom and not share additional, individual information.

**How do I know my child's information is kept private?**

Microsoft TEAMS is a secure application through the WCSD network. The network is monitored daily by school district employees.

**What do we do if we want to switch to a traditional setting?**

If you want to switch mid semester, please call your school's principal to see if a spot is available at your child's school.

**What if my child receives additional educational services?**

Please see our [Walton County Re-opening Plans and Considerations for ESE Students Frequently Asked Questions](#).

**Can my child attend extracurricular activities at traditional school?**

Full participation is permitted with approval of School Principal. Students must follow all FHSAA criteria for participation in sports.