

Education That Clicks

A flexible and engaging online program that holds students accountable.
Public, online school for grades 6-12.



ACADEMY MINNESOTA

Where Education Clicks





Welcome

Welcome Students and Parents,

At iQ Academy Minnesota, our number one priority is to provide a high-quality, individualized education that helps you succeed in school and beyond. We offer an award-winning curriculum for grades 6–12, an innovative virtual learning environment, and a supportive teacher and student network—all designed to help you excel academically.

iQ Academy Minnesota students have a diverse range of interests, talents, and commitments. Our flexible and dynamic online format gives students the freedom to succeed in school while pursuing individual passions. We teach competitive athletes, gifted learners, musicians, future photographers, and community volunteers. We also enable students who have medical needs, family obligations, or unique learning needs, to thrive in school.

To apply or learn more about iQ Academy Minnesota, visit our website, www.iqacademymn.org or call our admissions team at 877-994-4766 or attend an open house in your area.

Sincerely,

Molly Johnson
iQ Academy Minnesota

Visit our website for more information on the following and more:

Sign up for our virtual open houses, happening Thursdays this summer.

Engaging Online Community

Targeted Graduation Requirements

Award-Winning Course Offerings

Whether you dream of becoming a scientist who develops new solar cell technology or running your own design agency, a great education will give you the tools to thrive. Since 2008, iQ Academy Minnesota has helped students build a solid academic foundation on which to succeed. iQ Academy offers an individualized online education and the flexibility to pursue your personal goals.

How iQ Academy Works:

- Enroll on a full-time or part-time basis as a resident of the state of Minnesota.
- 24/7 technical support and an iQ Academy email account for all students.
- Full-time students are eligible to apply for use of an iQ Academy laptop.
- 24/7 access to classes and grades online.
- Adhere to class pacing with flexibility to learn on your own weekly schedule.
- Get class instruction from teachers via weekly Elluminate® sessions, connect with teachers by phone, and email.
- Monitor your achievement through weekly progress reports and continuous access to class grade books.
- Engage socially by joining our iQ community and participating in clubs, local events, and online seminars.

Top 5 Words to Describe the iQ Experience:



Learn from inspired, supportive teachers

Our state-certified teachers are passionate about helping you succeed. iQ Academy teachers answer your specific questions in virtual classrooms—where you and other students can collaborate and learn together— via email and phone. In addition, every iQ Academy student is matched with a dedicated student advisor and a learning coach, for personalized consultation and support.

iQ Academy Communities

iQ Academy makes it easy to make new friends and meet up with old ones. Join the iQ community and participate in different clubs and online activities each month. Bring a friend or the whole family for bowling or a picnic; a day at the water park or a game of baseball, all while meeting other iQ Minnesota families.

We encourage parents to be involved in their student's education, and we keep them up to date with regular progress reports, real-time assignment logs, and conferences with our counselors. Parents can also network with other families to talk about their experiences.

iQ Connect



iQ Connect is a new monthly online information series created to inform, educate and connect iQ Academy parents and students. Each month we'll feature a timely topic on subjects ranging from important iQ Academy updates, to trainings on tools we think would make your lives easier. Whether it be monitoring your student's progress, or a great website we think you should know about, we just want to connect with you!



Club iQ

Club iQ is a national online educational and interactive series for iQ Academy students where you can learn new things, make new friends and have fun online. Each month, a new club topic is hosted and you can choose which clubs interest you!



iQ LIVE

iQ LIVE is a fun, interactive and managed online chat where you can join other iQ students and play games, use your web cam and get a chance to meet new people. During the school year, we are proud to host iQ LIVE! every Friday.

Tailor school to your interests

We offer a wide variety of online, media-rich courses, all backed by more than 30 years of distance learning experience. Choose from:

- Core classes in English, math, science, & social studies
- Electives ranging from art appreciation to Spanish, and marketing to web design
- A broad selection of Advanced Placement® and college preparatory courses

Graduate with 21st-century skills

Our online learning format prepares you for success in the 21st-century. You're empowered to set your own priorities and learn how to manage your schedule. iQ Academy curriculum fosters self-discipline, critical thinking and confidence —skills that last a lifetime. iQ Academy graduates are accepted to prestigious colleges and career and technical schools throughout the United States.

iQ Academy Learning Tools



Elluminate®

Teachers hold weekly Elluminate sessions where they show presentations, have students work collaboratively, and answer questions. Elluminate allows for real-time voice communications, instant messaging, and an interactive white board. Students can raise their hands, ask questions, and work with other students all through Elluminate.

Parents have real-time access to grades and assignment logs

Parents monitor progress through observer access, progress reports, and report cards

Students plan to spend one hour per day, per class to be successful



Our pace charts help students and parents keep on track.

Course name and description.

Identify the week.

Review the list of assignments for the week. Those in red must be submitted for a grade.

Progress Report timing is clearly indicated, to help you stay on pace for success!

iQ Academy full time students receive an iQ student planner.

AP Art History: Semester 1
Pace Chart

Week	Item (red items will be graded)
1 Sept 8 - Sept 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 1: Introduction Unit 2: Ancient Art, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
2 Sept 15 - Sept 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read and study Chapter 1, pages 16-28 Writing Assignment: Timeline Research Paper Assignment: Research Proposal and Plan Unit 2 Quiz Yourself 1
3 Sept 22 - Sept 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read and study Chapter 4, pages 87 and 88 Read and study Chapter 4, pages 89-95 Read and study Chapter 4, pages 96-101 Writing Assignment: Aegean Art Unit 2 Quiz Yourself 2 <p>WEEK 3 PROGRESS GRADES will be assigned based on your completion of the first 3 weeks of the pace chart at the end of week 3 (21 September)</p>
4 Sept 28 - Sept 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read and study Chapter 5, pages 106-111 of your textbook Read and study Chapter 5, pages 112-126 Writing Assignment: Early Art of Ancient Greece Unit 2 Quiz Yourself 3
5 Oct 5 - Oct 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read and study Chapter 5, pages 124-141 Read and Study Chapter 5, pages 145-164 Writing Assignment: Later Classical Art of Ancient Greece Unit 2 Quiz Yourself 4
6 Oct 12 - Oct 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read and study Chapter 9, pages 233-244 Writing Assignment: Etruscan Art Unit 2 Quiz Yourself 5
7 Oct 19 - Oct 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read and study Chapter 10, pages 250-254 Read and study Chapter 10, pages 257-265 Writing Assignment: Early Roman Art Unit 2 Quiz Yourself 6

Successful Online Learners

Online learning is a very flexible way to complete your education. Students who are most successful are those who are able to work independently and take more responsibility for the learning process. Check out this list of characteristics of successful online learners, and see how you measure up. Don't be surprised if you need to work on a few of these, most students do!

Successful Online Learners Are Usually:

- Able to manage their time well — They procrastinate sometimes, but can meet deadlines.
- Able to work on their own — Although they sometimes ask for help if they get stuck.
- Not afraid to ask for help — They are willing to speak up for themselves.
- Able to follow written instructions — And may need occasional explanation from the instructor.
- Are good readers — They can usually understand what they read.
- Are good writers — They express themselves well in writing, or enough to complete most assignments.
- Able to move on to the next assignment — They don't need to wait for feedback from their teacher.
- Not dependent on face-to-face interaction for all of their learning and social needs.
- Open to the challenge of new technologies — They aren't afraid to try new things.
- Able to learn in an independent environment.
- Have sufficient to strong computer and Internet skills.



Some students are natural online learners.
Most students have to adjust some of their current learning habits to become highly successful online learners.

**If you are up to the challenge,
the rewards will be great!**



Graduation Requirements

iQ Academy Minnesota students must complete 42 approved high school credits. All students who have successfully completed the graduation requirements for a high school diploma and are in good standing may participate in graduation exercises. The academic requirements for a diploma are listed below.

English: **8 credits**

Math: **6 credits**
(Must be Algebra 1 or equivalent and beyond)

Science: **6 credits**
Physical Science (2 credits)
Biology (2 credits)
Earth Science (1 credit)
Choice (1 credit)

Social Studies: **7 credits**
Geography (1 credit)
US History (2 credits)
World History (2 credits)
Economics (1 credit)
Government (1 credit)

Health/PE: **3 credits**

Fine Arts:..... **2 credit**

Technology:..... **1 credit**

Family and Consumer Science:..... **2 credits**

Electives: **7 credits**

Total Required for Graduation: **42 credits**

iQ students will interact with their teachers and fellow classmates through our real-time online class sessions via Elluminate.

Graduate with a Fergus Falls Public School Diploma

A course description guide is available at our website: iqacademymn.org

Typical Course Selections Middle and High School...

6th Grade

Language Arts 6
Math 6
Science 6
Social Studies 6
Computer Fundamentals
2 Electives

7th Grade

Language Arts 7
Math 7
Science 7
Social Studies 7
Physical Education
Art
2 Electives

8th Grade

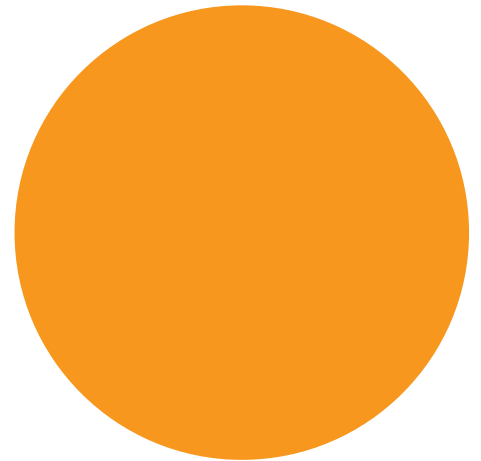
Language Arts 8
Math 8
Science 8
Social Studies 8
Health
Music
2 Electives

9th Grade

English 9
Algebra I
Physical Science
Geography
Physical Education
Art Elective
2 Electives

10th Grade

English 10
Geometry
Biology
US History
Health
Life Skills
2 Electives



11th Grade

English 11
Algebra II
Earth Science or Choice Science
World History
Career Planning
Art Elective
2 Electives



12th Grade

English 12 and Speech
Math Electives
Government & Economics
Science Electives
8 Electives

High School Courses 2011-2012

Advanced Placement**

AP Art History
AP Biology
AP Calculus A/B
AP Chemistry
AP Computer Science A
AP English Literature
AP Environmental Science
AP Macroeconomics* Fall
AP Microeconomics* Spring
AP Physics B
AP Psychology* Fall
AP Statistics
AP U.S. Government* Spring

Language Arts

Creative Writing
English 9
English 10
English 11
English 12
Honors English 9
Honors English 10
Honors English 11
Journalism* Spring
Speech* Spring

Math

Algebra 1
Algebra 2
Calculus
Consumer Math
Geometry
Honors Algebra 1
Honors Geometry
Honors Algebra 2
Math Concepts
Pre-Algebra
Pre-Calculus* Fall
Trigonometry* Spring

Science

Biology
Chemistry
Earth Science
Honors Biology
Honors Physical Science
Honors Earth Science
Physical Science
Physics

Social Studies

Economics* Spring
Geography*
Government*
Honors US History
Honors World History
Sociology
US History
World History

World Languages

French I, II, III, IV
German I, II, III, IV
Latin I, II
Mandarin Chinese I,II
Spanish I, II, III, IV

Technology

Computer Applications
Game Design*
Programming I [VB.Net]* Fall
Programming II [Java]* Spring
Web Design*

Electives

Accounting 1
Art Appreciation* Fall
Career Planning*
Digital Photography*
Health*
Life Skills*
Music Appreciation* Spring
Nutrition and Wellness*
Personal Finance*
Physical Education
Psychology*

Middle School Courses 2011-2012

6th Grade Courses

Language Arts 6
Math 6
Science 6
Social Studies 6
Art 6* Spring
Health 6* Spring
Music 6* Fall
Physical Education 6* Fall

7th Grade Courses

Language Arts 7
Math 7
Science 7
Social Studies 7
Art 7* Fall
Health 7* Fall
Music 7* Spring
Physical Education 7* Spring

8th Grade Courses

Language Arts 8
Math 8
Science 8
Social Studies 8
Art 8* Spring
Health 8* Spring
Music 8* Fall
Physical Education 8* Fall

Electives

MS Career Explorations* Spring
MS Computer Fundamentals
MS French 1, Part 1 and Part 2
MS Spanish 1, Part 1 and Part 2
MS German, Part 1
MS World Languages and Culture* Fall

*One semester course.

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Next Steps

1

**Complete and return
your iQ Academy
Enrollment Packet.**

2

**Gather and mail
or fax required
documents to
iQ Academy.**

3

**Review the course
catalog on our
website to prepare to
select your classes.**

4

**Once your documents
are received, we will
contact you to select
your courses.**

5

**Complete iQ
orientation for
students and
parents.**

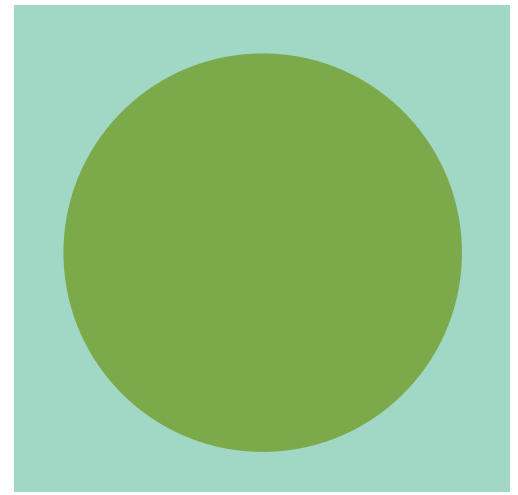
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**Complete
orientation
homework.**

7

**September 6th is the
first day of school!**

Frequently Asked Questions



Is iQ Academy the same as home schooling?

Students enrolled in iQ Academy Minnesota do their learning at home, but they are participating in a program of the School District 544. Classes are taught by state-certified teachers and the curriculum is approved by the school district for earning middle and high school credits.

What kind of diploma will my child receive after completing iQ Academy?

Students who complete all of the requirements for graduation will receive a High School Diploma from iQ Academy and the School District of Fergus Falls.

My child has an IEP and has been enrolled in Special Education in our home school district. Does iQ Academy enroll students with special needs?

Yes, as a public school, iQ Academy Minnesota accepts students with disabilities. The main issue to be considered is whether or not the independent nature of online instruction will be the best fit for a student. Staff from iQ Academy will discuss your child's situation with you. You may contact us at 877.994.4766 or info@iqacademymn.org.

How do I get help from my teachers if I am having difficulty with my course(s)?

You can contact your teacher via email or phone. Every week at a scheduled time, students interact with their teacher and other students in Elluminate, a virtual classroom.

We don't have a very good computer at home. Can my child participate in iQ Academy Minnesota?

Yes! Every full time iQ Academy student, who is a resident of Minnesota, has the eligibility to use one of iQ Academy's computers while enrolled full-time in our program.

As a parent, how can I check on my son/daughter's progress in iQ Academy?

Parents are assigned an Observer login and password to enter the iQ Academy site. By using this login, parents can go directly to their child's classes and see what assignments have been completed and what their child's grades are at any time. A progress report is emailed every week.

Is there required participation in state standards-based testing?

Yes, all 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th graders must take the MCA's in April. Seniors wanting to earn a diploma from iQ Academy must participate and pass the state required writing, reading, math and science tests.

How do we know if iQ Academy is the right school for us?

We invite you to contact us at 877.994.4766 or email us at info@iqacademymn.org or visit www.iqacademymn.org and learn as much as you can about what iQ Academy has to offer you and your child. Getting as much information as possible is the best way to make an informed choice.

True:

Parent supervision is suggested for students under the age of 18.

True:

iQ Academy Minnesota's graduation requirements meet college admission standards.

False:

iQ Academy students can leave the state for more than 15 days and stay enrolled with iQ Academy Minnesota.

True:

iQ Academy requires 42 semester-length credits to graduate.



True:

iQ Academy students will interact with their teachers and fellow classmates through out real-time online class sessions via Elluminate.

True:

iQ Academy graduates are regularly accepted at leading colleges and universities throughout the country.

True:

A Learning Coach will provide you with guidance on life after high school.



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