

Cougar Connect

New Prairie's Online Option



Please Sign In

If you have more than one student interested, please complete a sign in for each.



Today's Topics

Introduction

Why Cougar Connect?

Profile of an Online Learner

Program specifics: What is
Cougar Connect?

Who can join?

How to become a part of
Cougar Connect



Who is this lady?

Kortney Brennan (KB) - Online Coordinator

Former English teacher and English Dept Head at NPHS

26 years of teaching

14 at Michigan City and 12 at NPUSC

Graduated from Indiana University

Member of the all-teacher band:

Chalkdust Riot!

I've taught *kids* of former students



Why Cougar Connect



Alternative Option

Cougar Connect was created and implemented in 2025 as an option for students who would benefit from an alternative classroom setting.

Student Retention

We noticed that some students were turning to other schools or online programs because we didn't yet provide an option that aligned with their individual needs.

NP Connection

Cougar Connect gives students and families a feasible way to stay in district and continue to be a part of the New Prairie Family.

Profile of a successful online learner

Good time management skills

Effective Communication

Independent Study Habits

Self-Motivation

Academic Readiness

Technologically Prepared

Confidence in Problem-Solving





What is Cougar Connect?

Indiana Online Academy: Grades 6 - 12

NPUSC partnered with Indiana Online (IOA).

- Personalized schedule with synchronous and asynchronous courses to meet individual student needs
- Students remain enrolled in-district while receiving a virtual education with support from IOA/NPUSC Communities
- Grades 6-12 accredited curriculum offering AP and Dual Credit options
- All courses taught by an Indiana licensed teachers
- Students with IEPs and 504s are supported by IOA teachers



What is Cougar Connect?

Indiana Online Academy: Grades 6 - 12

- Graduation pathway: Business - Finance; must maintain a C- avg
 - (Principles of Business Mgmt, Personal Finance and Banking, Finance and Investment)
- Platforms: Geniussis and Canvas; Schoology; grades are not posted to PowerSchool until end of semester
- Required to Zoom with their teachers 1 time before they unlock their course
- Must complete the **Welcome Module** before Zooming
- Be able login daily M-F and commit to as many hours online as in-person (might not actually need that much time).

Genius Dashboard

Dashboard

Make a payment

Student Information

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Course Information

Course Schedule

Gradebook

Suggested Pacing

View Grade Report


Survey

Student Activity

Messages

Dashboard

This student is currently enrolled in 3 courses



98.17%

Anatomy and Physiology 1 (25-26 SY) Fall

Laura Reysz

Aug 04, 2025 - Dec 17, 2025

Actual

48 of 57


48 of 57

Expected

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LAUNCH

2169 page views



97.27%

Personal Financial Responsibility (25-26 SY) Fall

Tracy Meisberger

Aug 04, 2025 - Dec 17, 2025

Actual

52 of 55


50 of 55

Expected

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LAUNCH

1322 page views



96.92%

US Government (25-26 SY) Fall Dausch

David Dausch

Aug 04, 2025 - Dec 17, 2025

Actual

64 of 66

73 of 66

Expected

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LAUNCH

2118 page views

Activity

These are the latest activities for this student:

Course	Time	Page Views
Personal Financial Responsibility (25-26 SY)	12/2/2025 2:00:00 PM	10.00
US Government (25-26 SY)	12/2/2025 2:00:00 PM	8.00

Course Requests

There are no courses requested by this student.

Genius Pacing Guide

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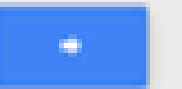
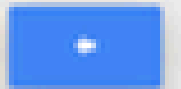
 Gradebook

 Suggested Pacing

 View Grade Report

Suggested Pacing

Here you can see how many assignments the student must complete per week in order to finish the course on time.



Chemistry I-1 (25-26 SY)

4 assignments ahead

Pacing

Week	Original Assignments	Extra Assignments	Total Assignments
Dec 01 - Dec 07	4	-1	3
Dec 08 - Dec 14	3	-1	2
Dec 15 - Dec 17	4	-2	2

Canvas Modules

2025-2026 School Year

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• Welcome (Start Here) Module Complete All Items ✓

• United States Naturalization Prerequisites: Welcome (Start Here) Module Complete All Items ✓

• Citizenship Viewed ✓

• United States Naturalization Test Information

• Naturalization Test Review

• United States Naturalization Test Sep 17 20 pts Submitted ✓

• Unit 1: Life & the Government Prerequisites: United States Naturalization Complete All Items ✓

• Unit 1 Overview Viewed ✓

• 1.1 The Meaning of Life? Private, Civic, & Political Lesson

• 1.2 The Meaning of Life? Private, Civic, & Political Discussion 22 pts Contributed ✓

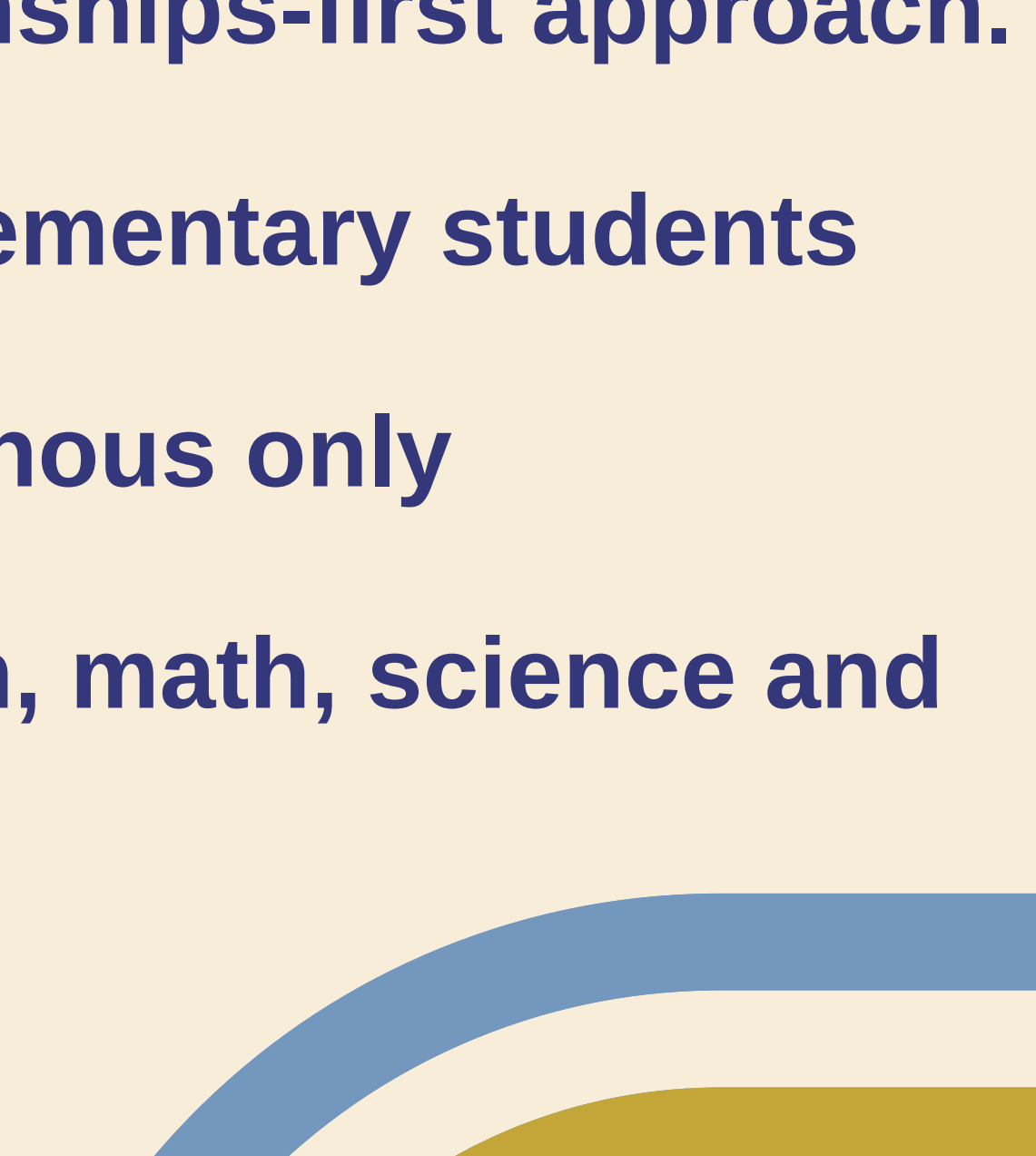
• Reply to Topic Sep 17 at 11:55pm

• Required Replies (1) Sep 17 at 11:55pm

• 1.3 Spheres of Life Assignment Sep 17 21 pts Submitted ✓

• 1.4 Your Government: The Preamble Lesson

Edmentum: Grades 4 - 6

- **EdOptions Academy is a fully accredited K–12 online school that partners with NPUSC to offer high-quality virtual courses with a relationships-first approach.**
 - **Indiana Online is not available for elementary students**
 - **6th grade core classes at IOA synchronous only**
 - **Elementary Ed students take English, math, science and social studies.**
 - **Students are able to participate in extracurricular activities and events**
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Edmentum: Suggested Daily Schedule

DAILY SCHEDULE

DASHBOARD

CLASSES4

Suggested Daily Schedule

The following is your suggested daily schedule. Although each subject should be studied in its designated order without omissions, it is important to adapt a schedule and pace to meet your individual needs.

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Day 11

Day 12


Day 13


Day 14


Day 15


IN114 2025 Grade 4 ELA [310167]	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed
	Understanding the Structure of Porpoises in Peril - Part 2	Understanding the Structure of Porpoises in Peril - Part 3	Understanding the Structure of Porpoises in Peril - Part 4	Understanding the Structure of Porpoises in Peril - Part 5	Mary Anning: The Girl Who Cracked Open the World - Part 1
IN114 2025 Grade 4 Math in Focus [308649]	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed
	Understanding Whole Numbers - Part 8	Understanding Whole Numbers - Part 9	Understanding Whole Numbers - Part 10	Understanding Whole Numbers - Part 11	Addition and Subtraction of Multi-Digit Numbers - Part 1


Edmentum: Live Lessons Available


 Dashboard


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 Student Activity


 View Transcript


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 Today's Live Sessions

SessionTitle	Start	End	Connect	Teachers
Fourth Grade ELA Live Session	09:00 AM	10:00 AM	Session Ended	Lasky, Krista(K5 ELA)
Fourth Grade Science Live Session	09:00 AM	10:00 AM	Session Ended	Lewis, Denise(K5 Sci/PE)*
Fourth Grade ELA Live Session	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Session Ended	Lasky, Krista(K5 ELA)
Fourth Grade Science Live Session	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Session Ended	Lewis, Denise(K5 Sci/PE)*
Fourth Grade Math Live Session	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Connect Now	Smith, Amy(K5 Math)
Fourth Grade Math Live Session	12:00 PM	01:00 PM	Connect Now	Smith, Amy(K5 Math)
Fourth Grade Social Studies Live Session	01:00 PM	02:00 PM	Available soon	Funches, Dr. Tamalita(K5 Math)
Fourth Grade Social Studies Live Session	02:00 PM	03:00 PM	Available soon	Cowin, Jessica(K5 ELA)

This student is currently enrolled in 4 courses

Who can join?



In-Person Learning is Priority #1!

Academic Concerns

Health Issues

Social Concerns

Work / Athletic Conflicts

Assessed on a case-by-case basis

Process:



Complete
Intake
Form

IOA Team
Meets to
Discuss
Prospects

Phone
Call or
Email from
Coordinator

Register
at
IOA

Possible
Mtg W/
Principal

Attend
Onboarding
Meeting

Mtg to
adjust IEP

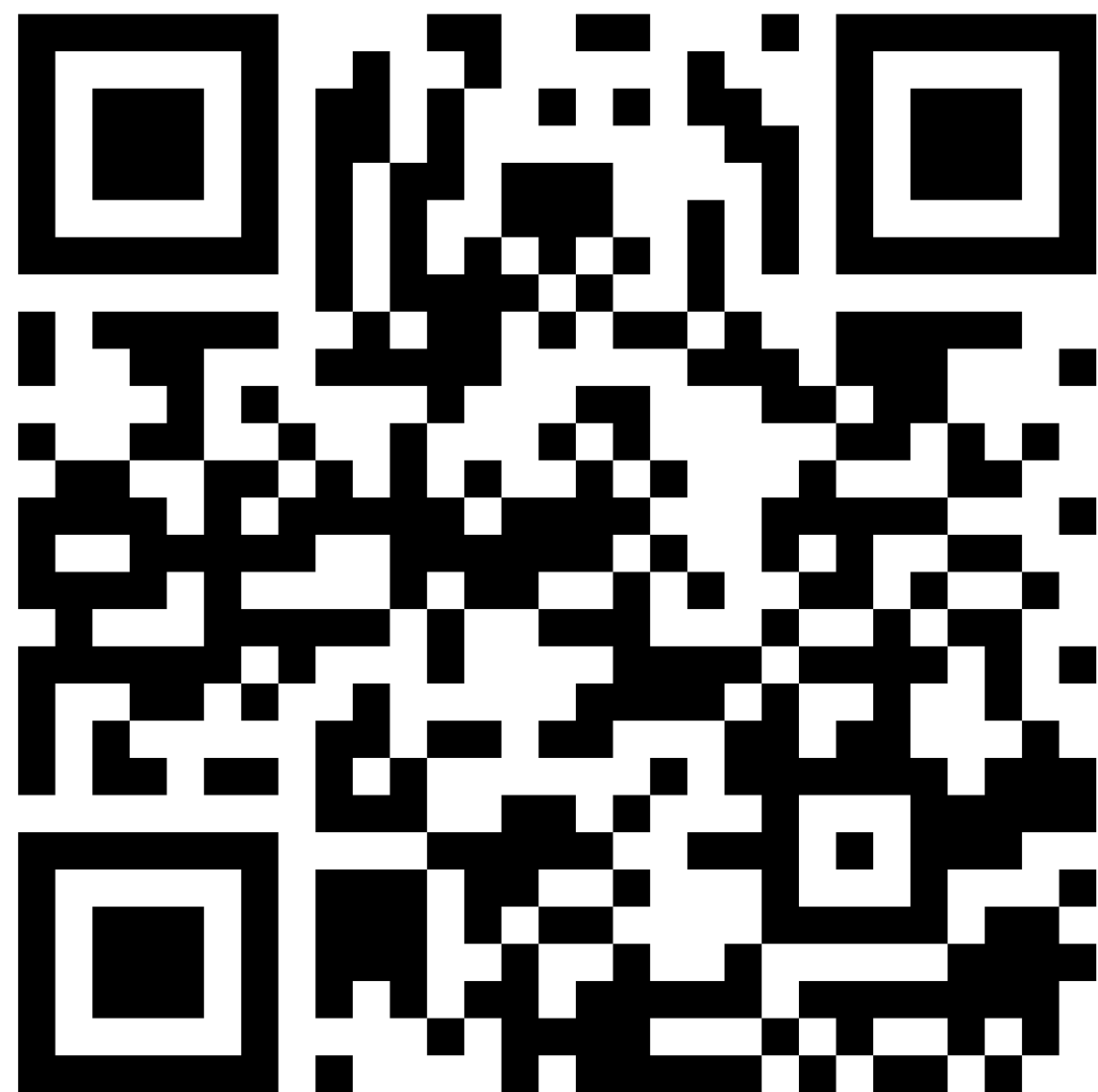
FAQs

- Students are allowed to participate in extra curricular activities at New Prairie provided they are in good academic standing.
- High school athletes must attend at least 1 class period in-person as per IHSA rules.
- Student will be able to use their NPUSC issued iPad, but it is recommended they have access to a desktop or laptop.
- Must attend state testing (iLearn, SAT, etc)
- Students and Parents are expected to participate (communicate, respond to emails, consistently log into courses, complete work, etc.).





How to join:



Intake Form

Info Sheet w/ links





Questions?



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Thanks!