Illinois Virtual Course Catalog Program
Frequently Asked Questions

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1. **What is the process for enrolling students?**

Enrollment of students for Virtual Catalog Courses should be done by the Home School District of the student. To register students, you can contact the provider(s) directly. To make this easier, on our virtual course catalog webpage, clicking on the name of the course will bring you to a page that details the registration process for each of the course providers in the program. However, registering from the virtual course catalog is not required to be eligible for reimbursement, this can be done directly with the provider(s).

2. **What should be budgeted as the cost per class for each student?**

Pricing depends on the course provider and the type of courses that are taken. The chart below breaks down the costs:

Vendor	Grades Served	Types of Courses	Cost Per Semester
Edmentum EdOptions Academy	Grades K-12	Core/Elective Credit Recovery AP K-5 Courses World Languages	$250 $175 $275 $500 $275
EtiKid Academy	Grades 6-12	Core/Elective	$350
Illinois Virtual Schools and Academy	Grades K-12	Core/Elective AP CTE Credit Recovery	$300 $300 $300 $190
Imagine Learning LLC	Grades 6-12 Grades K-5 Grades K-5	Core/Elective AP Credit Recovery Core Class Bundle K-5 Core + Elective Bundle	$250 $250 $160 $1200 $1200

Proximity Learning	Grades 9-12	Core/Elective	$599 (all courses are year long)

While we have been able to reimburse all enrollment costs in the past, it is important to note that ISBE does not guarantee this – the fund for reimbursement is limited, so should ISBE receive requests for reimbursement that exceed the total of the fund, reimbursements may be pro-rated.

3. **What is the reimbursement process like?**

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In order to determine the reimbursement rate, ISBE will need information from districts that intend to enroll students for Virtual Couse Catalog Courses. To help facilitate this process we ask that a district representative fill out the INTENT TO APPLY webform located on the Virtual Course Program Website.

While we cannot provide specific information on funding for the 2025-2026 school year, we can share with you how the reimbursement rates are calculated, which may help you to plan for next year. For this year's program, the Intent to Apply window will close on May 29, 2026. Once ISBE has the information from the Intent to Apply forms and reimbursement rates can be calculated, districts will then be notified of the reimbursement rate.

Public school districts that enroll students in courses found in the catalog can request reimbursement from ISBE, subject to appropriations by the General Assembly. To process your reimbursement request, ISBE will need the following items submitted no later than May 29, 2026:

- Evidence of student successful completion of the course with a passing grade
- Evidence of payment for the course by the district to the course provider

When the time comes to submit your request for reimbursement, these are the steps you will have to follow:

1. Fill out the IVCC Course Reimbursement Template for courses started on or after May 15, 2025 that ended after July 1, 2025 (covering summer 2025 classes) or for courses that began

on or after July 1, 2025 and completed on or before May 29, 2026. For each course reimbursement request, we will need: a. Student name,

b. SIS ID,
c. Gender,
d. Grade,
e. SIS Race Code,
f. SIS FRL indicator,
g. the Course Provider Name,
h. course name,
i. type of course, and final grade.

2. Submit proof of successful completion of courses for those students listed in the template in Step 1. This could be a course completion report, grade summary, or other similar report from the course vendor that shows that students listed completed the course.

All of the requested items will be sent to ISBE securely via directions that will be emailed to each school/district that fills out the INTENT TO APPLY webform. These directions will be emailed upon close of the survey in late May / early June 2026.

4. What if I have additional questions about the Illinois Virtual Course Catalog Program?

Please contact Erich Grauke via email at egrauke@isbe.net if you have any additional questions about the Illinois Virtual Course Catalog.

5. I'm a parent looking to enroll my child into virtual classes. Can I do that under this program?

This program is meant for Illinois Public Schools only. If you wish your child to take online classes, you are strongly encouraged to discuss this with your school first, as decisions about accepting credits earned outside of the school are subject to local school board of education policies. The State Board of Education cannot compel any school to accept credits earned outside of that school.