

# Engaging & Enriching Education – From Anywhere!



Personalized Learning  
with a Global  
Perspective



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## A Letter from the Founder

Dear Families,

As a lifelong learner and educator, I grew tired of the traditional model of education, and have spent years trying to rethink what education could look like in the 21st century. I founded International School of America to be a place where learners can get a personalized education with a global perspective, and they can have a choice and a voice in their education.

My 22+ year career started in 2000 at a rural elementary school before moving toward making a difference in the lives of those in the inner-city Jacksonville, Florida. As laws kept changing to take academic freedom away from the teachers, I grew disenfranchised with the entire system. I was tired of being told to tell students WHAT to think, instead of doing my job and teaching learners HOW to think.

I decided that my next chapter in education had to take me far away from the American public education system as I could get. As I looked for new ways to reinvent my teaching style and methods, I helped develop the Elementary School curriculum at Korea International School, Jeju, where I would win the Faculty Global Leader twice in my time there, and become a 21CL International Teacher of the Year finalist. I ended up spending over six years at international schools in South Korea and Azerbaijan, where I learned about how education differed on a global scale.

My time abroad would inspire my passion for both learning and educating. Along the way, I noticed the major power struggle happening in schools, pitting those who want to maintain traditional teaching methods vs. those transitioning to modern education geared towards the 21st century learner.

Like so many other teachers who have left their calling in education for a new career, I believed education needs a change, and it's time to return control of the education system back to educators and families, and take it away from the policymakers and politicians who have never taught in a school before, and are only profiting off of it.

A quick look at the current state of the education system shows a system in disarray and chaos. Students are leaving college with thousands of dollars in debt and no opportunities, bullying is an unchecked epidemic, and the pandemic exposed that the system is antiquated and in dire need of drastic education reform. With politicians banning books and shaping curriculum, families needed a school that wasn't shaped by public policy, but passion for education.

What wasn't possible 5 years ago in education, is now possible. The future of education is online, and I am excited to build a better future for your family.

This course catalog is designed to give you a better idea of International School of America's vision of the future of education, where learners will have the opportunity to build a project-based portfolio based on their personal interests and passions.

I hope this catalogue helps answer some of your questions. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Kind Regards,

Brian Tupper



# KIND is our Foundation



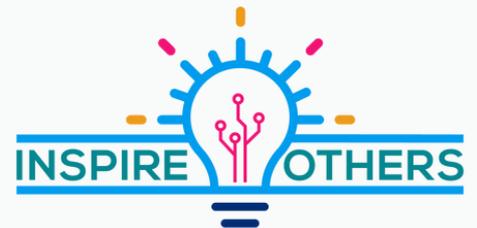
## K – Knowledge is Power:

Our students learn to actively seek information, cultivate independent thoughts, and become well-informed about topics that affect society.



## I – Inspire Others:

Through storytelling about inspiring people from around the world, our students learn about the value of serving others and taking action to make the world a better place.



## N – Never Give Up:

Our priority is cultivating a growth mindset that helps students build tenacity, entrepreneurial spirit, and resilience.



## D – Diversity is Strength:

Students gain a global perspective while learning unbiased, multicultural history alongside a diverse group of learners and educators.



### **Our Mission**

Our mission at International School of America is to provide engaging and enriching global education from anywhere. We offer a top-tier curriculum and personalized instruction that moves with each child's education and goals. As a result, our students benefit from service and project-based learning that help them solve problems, think critically, and consider the world beyond their local community.

### **Our Vision**

To provide all learners with a personalized education with a global perspective, and allow learners and their families to have a voice and a choice in their learning.

### **The ISA Model**

Education is not a "one-size-fits-all" model. Each learner is unique, has their own personal interests and strengths. International School of America recognizes this, and we want to help our students succeed with a holistic approach to education that focuses on building a growth mindset, empathy, and a sense of service to their community. Our model of education takes government, its unhealthy obsession with grades and standardized testing, and all their roadblocks for learning and replaces them with the people who care most about the individual child: their family and their teachers.

### **Student Centered**

Each family will meet with an international school teacher, who will work to develop a personal learning path for each member of your family. Our goal is to help each learner create opportunities to help them get into their college of choice, or get them a job in the field of their choice right out of high school. All of this learning will culminate in a learning portfolio that showcases projects from our Global Google Classrooms and align them to the United National Sustainable Development Goals. Portfolios will also highlight the work done in the community that highlight volunteerism and helps develop empathy in our learners.

### Growth Focused

The Kindest School focuses on the belief that, if you practice a growth mindset, empathize with others, and lend a helping hand in the community, you will be a far more productive member of our global society than the ones who can score higher on a standardized state test. Hence, there will be no grades given to our learners...only data shared between parent, educator, and learner. We will not have report cards, rather students will be able to show their academic achievement through their online learning portfolio, which is what higher education learning institutions are prioritizing over traditional report cards. Portfolios are also required by many states for those who choose to learn from home.

### Zero-Tolerance Policy for Bullying

Lastly, and probably most importantly, International School of America has a ZERO- TOLERANCE policy for bullying. If your child is being bullied by another learner, a screenshot of the incident is all we need to launch an investigation. If it found that a member of The ISA is bullying, they will immediately be removed from the program for a minimum of one year. After this time, they will need to apply for reinstatement. A second offense will lead to immediate expulsion. Our mission is to give students a place to learn that is free of fear and full of kindness.

### Path to Accreditation

International School of America works with Cognia, an academic accreditation agency, which helps to maintain the high academic standards of over 36,000 educational institutions worldwide. As a member of the Congia .



## The ISA Library



All learners start to build their personal learning library once they use their Google EDU learning profile to enroll in our Google Global Classrooms. Each classroom contains learning playlists, project-based and service learning opportunities so we can meet every learner at their level. #BuildYourLibrary

### Global Google Classrooms - Humanities

<p>National Geographic Education</p>	<p>Explore learning playlists focusing on world cultures, geography, climate and environmental science.</p> <p>Enroll in National Geographic Society's Exploring Conservation courses and discover ways to protect our planet.</p>	<p>KIND Portfolio: <i>Knowledge is Power</i> Complete Nat Geo Exploring Conservation; DL Environmental Science courses</p>
<p>KIND Academy</p>	<p>Explore learning playlists featuring Nearpod's Social &amp; Emotional Learning curriculum.</p> <p>Use hip-hop to learn SEL, Racial &amp; Social Justice, Health &amp; Wellness, and Financial Literacy on Flocabulary's Life Skills channel.</p>	<p>KIND Portfolio: <i>Inspire Others</i> Demonstrate KIND behavior through service learning opportunities</p>
<p>Career Exploration</p>	<p>Explore learning playlists featuring Nearpod's College and Career Exploration curriculum.</p> <p>Discover your career path based on your interests, values and study preferences with Defined Careers.</p>	<p>KIND Portfolio: <i>Never Give Up</i> Complete PBL courses aligned to your career pathway.</p>

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<p>Historical Perspectives</p>	<p>Explore learning playlists featuring Nearpod's Historical Perspectives and Literacy curriculum.</p> <p>Use music videos to learn our history on Flocabulary's Social Studies learning channel</p>	<p>KIND Portfolio: <i>Knowledge is Power</i> Smithsonian Institute's World &amp; US Historical Explorations courses</p>
<p>Civic Mindfulness</p>	<p>Explore learning playlists featuring Nearpod's iCivics and Current Events curriculum.</p> <p>Recap what has happened each week by tuning into Flocabulary's Week in Rap Learning Channel.</p>	<p>KIND Portfolio: <i>Knowledge is Power</i> iCivics Civic Education Course</p>
<p>Language Labs</p>	<p>Personalize your language learning with EPIC! School's online library, and explore world languages with Breaking the Barrier and PBS Learning Media.</p>	<p>KIND Portfolio: <i>Knowledge is Power</i> Integrated learning activities</p>

## Global Google Classrooms: STEAM Education

<p>STEM-UN Global Goals</p>	<p>Develop a project-based portfolio aligned to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>Dive into The World's Largest Lesson and participate in ISA service learning opportunities.</p>	<p>KIND Portfolio: <i>Knowledge is Power</i> PBL aligned to 17 Global Goals</p>
<p>STEAM: Science</p>	<p>Personalize your science education learning platforms from Khan Academy, PBS, and Defined Learning.</p> <p>Review the natural sciences on Flocabulary's learning channel</p>	<p>KIND Portfolio: <i>Knowledge is Power</i> Align four Defined Learning PBL science courses to Global Goals</p>
<p>STEAM: Technology</p>	<p>Explore learning playlists featuring Nearpod's Digital Citizenship curriculum.</p> <p>Personalized learning platforms focus on computer science fundamentals.</p>	<p>KIND Portfolio: <i>Knowledge is Power</i> Use 21st century skills to develop &amp; showcase portfolio.</p>
<p>STEAM: Engineering</p>	<p>Enroll in adaptive-learning courses from Khan Academy and Brilliant that focus on physics, chemistry and engineering.</p> <p>Engage in engineering education with Defined Project-Based Learning. opportunities.</p>	<p>KIND Portfolio: <i>Never Give Up</i> Discover your career with your Defined Careers portfolio</p>

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<p><b>STEAM: Arts</b></p>	<p>ISA's Creative Studio includes tutorials for Canva and Adobe Express for Education.</p> <p>Complete and share projects with other learners on DIY's social learning network.</p>	<p>KIND Portfolio: <i>Inspire Others</i></p> <p>Use Creative Studio for Project-based learning</p>
<p><b>STEAM: Mathematics</b></p>	<p>Personalize your math education using adaptive learning platforms from Khan Academy (mastery-based learning) and Brilliant (conceptually engaging courses)</p> <p>Use Flobabulary's Math learning channel to engage with mathematical foundations through music and hip-hop.</p>	<p>KIND Portfolio: <i>Knowledge is Power</i></p> <p>Show mastery of Everyday Math courses developed by Khan Academy</p>
<p><b>SAT Prep</b></p>	<p>The College Board's official SAT prep course is available to students on Khan Academy.</p>	<p>Available for learners pursuing college</p>

\*Requirements for a Cognia accredited diploma from International School of America

All projects from these courses will be aligned to the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and showcased on their ISA Learning Portfolio.

- Integrated language arts courses including content focusing on literature, grammar, writing, reading, technical reading, technical writing, and speech communications.
- Five STEAM courses (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)
- National Geographic Society's Exploring Conservation course (Nat Geo Education)
- Nearpod's Historical Perspective and Literacy (Historical Perspectives)
- Complete four courses from Defined Careers (Career Exploration)
- Breaking Barriers courses in the same foreign language (Language Lab)
- Life Skills Social and emotional learning, health and wellness, racial and social justice, and financial literacy. (KIND Academy)
- Google's Be Internet Awesome Digital Citizenship Course
- Google Cloud for Students

## Careers at ISA

### Location:

- Anywhere in the World

### Hours:

- Set your own schedule (Each family requires a minimum of 4 hours per month for assessment, conferencing, and live lessons)

### Requirements:

- 2 years experience in the classroom (International experience preferred, but not required)
- FBI background check
- Experience with project-based learning and ePortfolio development

### Professional Development expectations: (within first 2 years)

- Google Certified Educator - Level One, Nearpod & Flocabulary Distance Learning Educator, Defined Learning, Khan Academy

### Duties:

- Monthly Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences via Google Hangouts to:
- Develop with family a personal learning program for each student (ie. Defined Learning PBL, Defined Careers, portfolio development, share service learning opportunities, etc.)
- Maintain a Google Classroom for all families under your care
- Report any bullying or harassment
- Recommend counseling options when needed
- Families may request and keep their current teacher for subsequent years.
- Teachers may recruit and enroll families
- Teachers do not give letter grades, rather assess projects using rubrics provided by Defined Learning
- Teacher Compensation: Based on the number of families and students each educator is working with.