

Independent Study at Abraham Lincoln

Is online school the right fit for your family? Here's what to know before you enroll.

Abraham Lincoln Independent Study (ABL) is a free public school where students learn mostly from home using a computer, instead of going to a regular classroom every day. It gives families more flexibility — but it also asks **a lot more from parents**. This guide explains what your family can expect, day to day.



Please Read This Carefully

This program needs a parent or guardian to be closely involved — **much more than a regular school does**. Independent study works best when an adult at home can guide and support the student through most of the school day. It is not the right fit for every family. Please think it over before you sign up.

You + The Teacher = One Team

We call this the "Co-Educator Partnership." The school provides the lessons. You help your child use them.



The Teacher's Job

- Plan lessons that meet state requirements
- Grade work and give feedback
- Offer tutoring and extra help when needed
- Track attendance and progress
- Reply to you and share updates



Your Job as Parent

- Set up a quiet space, free of distractions
- Build a daily routine so work gets done
- Encourage your child, especially on hard days
- Bring your child to any required on-campus visits
- Check in with the teacher often

What ABL Gives Your Student



Flexible hours — work day or night to stay on pace



Real teachers, counselor & social worker support



Full online coursework with live class time



In-person help available when you need it

What a School Day Looks Like

8:30 AM	Live online class (Google Meet) — required every school day
9:00 – 12:00	Work time on lessons (3 work periods)
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch break
1:00 – 3:00	Extra help available — call (530) 740-6489

Grades 1–6: at least 4 hours of finished schoolwork every day. | **Grades 7–12:** at least 4.5 hours every day.
Just logging in is **not** enough — your child must be actively working and finishing lessons.

During Live Class, Students Should Be:

 Camera on	 Sitting up at a desk	 Dressed for school	 In a quiet space
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Morning "Green Light" Checklist

Check these 3 things every morning before your child logs on.

 A Plan Does your child know which lessons are due today?	 The Tools Is the Chromebook charged? Is the Wi-Fi working?	 The Connection Did you check the teacher's latest message today?
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Staying in Touch

The teacher will: • Reply to you within 24–48 school hours • Send regular progress updates	You will: • Check your phone/email every day • Reply to the teacher quickly
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Good to Know — This Program Is NOT:

- An "easy" option — it takes more self-discipline, not less
- A quick fix for missing credits (35-credit max per semester)
- A solution for skipping school — attendance is tracked daily
- Learning without a computer — daily internet & device use is required

Who to Call for Help

Front Office: (530) 740-6489

Social Worker, Mr. Lopez (bilingual): ext. 6342 — emotional support

Counselor, Mr. Will: ext. 6346 — planning, college & career

English Learner Support, Ms. Gilbert (bilingual): ext. 6341

Think ABL could be a good fit? Visit our website to learn more and find out how to take the next step.

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