



NORTH BRANCH AREA

Distance Learning Academy

Expanding Educational Choice within NBAPS

Spotlight Presentation Fall 2026

Personalizing learning, one student at a time

“The child is the starting-point, the center, and the end. Their development, their growth, is the ideal. It alone furnishes the standard.”

- Dewey, 1902

The purpose of NBAPS Distance Learning Academy is to partner with students and families, including those seeking a homeschool alternative, to provide flexible, personalized learning pathways that foster academic excellence and adapt to the rhythm family life.

Every Student Graduates. Every Student Has a Plan.



Meet our staff



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Building Skills for Life, Work, and Community



Life Skills Goal:

*Throughout the school year, 80% of all coursework will be **on pace** for successful course completion; students who have yet to meet this parameter will have a personalized plan for life skill development monitored by teachers, academic and guidance counselor, and principal.*

Why this matters

01

Organization and Time Management

Staying on pace reflects a student's ability to plan ahead, prioritize daily tasks, and manage personal schedules effectively.

02

Accountability and Daily Motivation

Consistent progress shows active engagement, personal discipline, and taking true ownership of one's education.

03

Self Advocacy and Support

Tracking pace empowers students to recognize when they need help early and reach out to teachers and counselors proactively.



Building Core Knowledge, Competencies, and Skills

Academic Goal

By June 2026, 80% of all grades will be a C or higher; students who have yet to meet that parameter will have a personalized plan for academic success monitored by teachers, academic and guidance counselor, and principal.



A System of Support



Tier 1: Support for all students

Consistent, reliable, two-way communication between teachers, principal, students, and families

- Daily Google Meet office hours
- Teacher feedback on formative and summative tasks assessments
- Ability for students to redo and show their learning.

Tier 2: Support for some

Career and College Guidance Counselor Check-ins for students not meeting program goals - implementing strategies to help students

Additional math support from our math tutor - Peter Osterberg

Tier 3: Personalized plan for learning

Weekly collaborative problem solving team meetings to discuss additional supports

- in-person support
- individual face-to-face meetings with students, families and staff to create a personalized plan

Academic Skills Highlights

01

Clear Guidance & High Expectations

Students receive clear learning goals, assignment instructions, and explicit expectations so they know exactly how to succeed and take ownership of their learning.

02

Proactive Intervention & Engagement

Students benefit from regular progress tracking, timely feedback, and proactive outreach, ensuring every learner stays supported, engaged, and on track.

03

Fostering Student Independence

Students learn and practice essential time management, organization, goal setting, and digital responsibility, empowering them to become confident, independent learners.

04

Cultivating Well-Being & Belonging

Students experience strong, caring connections with staff. Through regular check-ins and active listening, every learner feels safe, valued, and supported every day.

05

Strong Family Partnerships

Students thrive through open, honest communication between home and school. Partnering closely with families ensures each learner receives personalized support for unique growth and success.



Enrichment and Acceleration

Creating Opportunities to Explore, Stretch, and Go Further



Flexible Learning Pathways

Offering families an alternative to traditional homeschooling through flexible, personalized education supported by licensed teachers, academic guidance, and connections to district programs and resources.



Homeschool Alternative and Family Choice

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Work-Based Learning and Mentorship

Empowering 11th and 12th-grade students with hands-on Work-Based Learning experience in partnership with a career navigator.

Each Student.
Their Viking Story.
Their Future.



Thank you!

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Relationships • Learning • Support • Opportunity • Future

Vikings!