The most rigorous IOB program, **Digital Academy** provides apprentice-style instruction in a product-based learning environment.

Many students love all things drawing, gaming, and coding. Wouldn't it be awesome to turn that into a potential career? Well, that dream could be closer to reality with our Digital Academy (DA), that utilizes evidence-based practices in the areas of learning, social emotional learning, and transition to equip candidates with the skills necessary to access post-secondary education and/or employment in design and tech-related fields.

Students collaborate with for-profit and nonprofit industry professionals who serve as mentors. Students and their peer team members will have the opportunity to participate in Design Thinking processes as well as develop technical skills needed to build and integrate a community-based project.

Emphasis on the development of soft skills, including self-awareness, social awareness, and self-management skills accompany the technical product-based learning approach. Prerequisites are required for participation.

Digital Academy candidates speak about their experience and how it prepares them for career goals in the IOB produced video “Building Paradise.”

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