

Independent Study Instruction

- Allows students to study at their own pace.
- Challenges each student to excel in his or her area of special interest.
- Provides an alternative for students to achieve competency and mastery in basic skills.
- Facilitates the student's active participation in his/her own education.
- Offers real flexibility in the design of an educational program.
- Offers effective educational choices to students and families.

Attendance records are based on the student's work within the terms and conditions of his/her written contract and not traditional "seat time". In Independent Study, the student's performance is converted into school days by the supervising teacher.

Independent Study students are eligible to take classes at the comprehensive high school, local community colleges and ROP.

Independent Study is not for everyone. The student's basic skills must be at a level that will allow the student to do a majority of his/her work independently from the classroom teacher. The student must also have sufficient self-discipline to remain focused on a learning task long enough to reach specific, agreed upon, objectives such as weekly assignments.



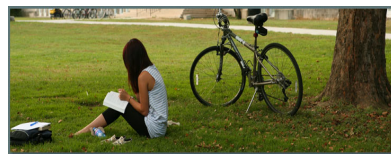
Admission Procedure

Who is eligible for Independent Study?

- Students 18 or younger who, for a variety of reasons, need targeted instruction to fill in the gaps in their learning or make up credits.
- Gifted students who are not challenged in their regular classrooms and/or wish to accelerate their studies.
- Students who face challenges that make classroom attendance difficult such as health issues or the need to work.
- Students who need an individualized approach that allows them to delve more deeply into areas of special interest.

In order to enroll students must:

- First meet with their school counselor and obtain a referral form.
- Council with IS teacher to discuss appropriate placement.
- Completely check out of their home school.



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Introduction to Independent Study

The primary aim of Independent study is to individualize the educational plan for students whose needs may best be met through study outside the traditional classroom setting. Independent Study can be a highly personalized form of instruction that offers a high degree of flexibility and individualization. Success in Independent Study requires motivation and a strong commitment on the part of the student and, especially for a young student, his/her parents or guardian.

Independent Study utilizes an instructional strategy that addresses individual needs and styles of learning. A contractual agreement is made between the certificated teacher as the general instructional supervisor, the student, and his/her parent or guardian. The written agreement sets educational objectives, resources to be used, and a method to evaluate successful completion of the

agreement. State law provides that the education that students receive in Independent Study be at least equal in quality and quantity to that offered in a traditional classroom setting.



Q&A

Is Independent Study easier than a traditional high school?

Can I earn credits faster at I.S.?

How do I earn P.E. credits at I.S.?

What grade will I be in?

Can I take more than one course at a time?

When do I attend school?

Can I come to school more often than once per week?

What if I miss appointments?

What happens if I am non-compliant?

Is Independent Study an accredited program?

For answers to these questions, schedule an appointment with Mr. Swindle.

