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# ESUHSD

## Independent Study Program (ISP)

### Information for Parents/Guardians

#### Quick Facts:



- Independent Studies is a voluntary program.
- Students meet with a designated teacher for one hour per week.
- Credits are earned through completion of online courses monitored by the designated teacher.
- Students **MUST** continue attending school while waiting for an opening in ISP.

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#### What is it?

Independent Study is an **optional** educational alternative program, available to 9th - 12th grade students throughout the district, whose health would be put at risk by in-person instruction or who are eligible as per a specific need verified by district staff.

Attendance records are based on a student's work within the terms and conditions of his or her written course agreement and not on traditional "seat-time."

Daily attendance tracking is required as measured by work completion.

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#### How does it work?

Students are assigned online courses based on the required coursework needed to earn a high school diploma. Assigned work is completed by the student at home (asynchronously) and during the scheduled time with their assigned teacher of record. **Students meet for synchronous instruction (via video conferencing, in-person, or telephone) with their designated ISP teacher for one hour per week** to complete work and receive instructional support. Online courses are evaluated by the student's teacher of record and the student is issued credit based on successful completion and mastery of objectives within the assigned courses. All core coursework is UC/CSU A-G aligned.

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#### How does my student request Independent Study (ISP)?

To request ISP, please click on this [electronic submission form](#) or you can request a hard copy from your student's school of attendance. Upon receipt of form you will be contacted to schedule a meeting with the student's school counselor where more detailed information about ISP will be shared including student's rights regarding enrolling, disenrolling, and re-enrolling.

*A student's participation in independent study shall be voluntary. Students participating in independent study shall have the right, at any time, to enter or return to the regular in-person classroom mode of instruction.*

(ED Code 5147; 5 CCR 11700)