

INDEPENDENT STUDY

- 1.0 The Superintendent recognizes that some students pursue educational alternatives to the regular classroom to earn high school graduation credit. Independent study is one of those options. Credit may be awarded for independent study under the following conditions:
 - The independent study must relate in a significant way to the district-approved curriculum.
 - Work completed must meet or exceed the equivalent of a semester of course work.
 - Work completed must be documented in a printed product and presented in a format that is consistent with the topic of study and teacher requirements.
 - All work must be completed within the school year in which the independent study has begun.
- 2.0 The student, sponsoring teacher, and the building principal shall sign the independent study contract attached as Exhibit A prior to the student's commencement of the independent study project.
- 3.0 Independent study can be used only to earn elective credit.
- 4.0 Credit shall not be awarded for independent study when the content of the independent study is substantially equivalent to a class currently offered at the student's school of attendance.
- 5.0 No more than one high school elective credit earned through independent study shall be used to meet the District graduation requirements. The building principal or designee shall make the final decision in regard to awarding or denying credit.

INDEPENDENT STUDY CONTRACT

Name _____ Grade _____ Date _____

Duration of Contract (circle one) Semester 1 Semester 2 Year

I. I will study _____

II. The reason for my taking this independent study is: _____

III. An outline of the topics to be studied (*developed cooperatively by student and teacher*) is:

Outline Topic

Learning Activities

Evaluation of Achievement

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

E. _____

F. _____

G. _____

H. _____

I. _____

J. _____

(If more space is needed, additional pages may be added.)

IV. My previous course work and experiences that have prepared me to do this study are:

V. I will meet with my sponsor regularly, as indicated: Interval (Daily, weekly, etc.)_____

VI. When appropriate for attendance purposes, I will check in each day prior to my independent study hour.

VII. A. The cost (if any) to me will be_____

B. The cost (if any) to the school will be_____

C. If there is to be any cost, indicate the nature of the expenses:_____

VIII. I am aware that failure to show sufficient progress within two weeks from the date of acceptance will result in dissolution of this contract.

SIGNED:

WHEN APPROVED, RETURN COPIES AS FOLLOWS:

- White - Student
- Yellow - Sponsoring Teacher
- Pink - Registrar's Office

Student Applicant

Sponsoring Teacher

Date received by Registrar's Office:_____

Parent/Guardian

Approved, if signed below:

Principal or Designee