

Independent Study

- I. PURPOSE:** A student at the high school level may apply for permission to conduct an independent study for credit for the following reasons:
- A.** The topic of the proposed independent study is not an integral component of an existing course.
 - B.** The student wishes to study in more depth a topic that was introduced in a course.
 - C.** The student is a senior who has been unable to study a topic of interest because of scheduling conflicts. Note, however, that a student may not earn a core graduation requirement via independent study.

II. REQUIREMENTS

- A.** Independent study may not be substituted for a core graduation requirement.
- B.** A student may earn a maximum of one credit for independent study in any one school year.
- C.** An independent study must be supervised by a staff member certified to teach in the subject area of the study. Such supervision shall be voluntary.
- D.** The cooperating teacher and the student are expected to meet on an average of once per week during the course of the independent study to monitor its progress.
- E.** An independent study must be completed by the end of the semester (for a .5 credit study) or the end of the school year (for a 1.0 credit study) in which it is begun.
- F.** A student who is interested in pursuing an independent study must complete the district "Independent Study Contract." Final approval of the study rests with the building principal.
- G.** Independent studies shall be graded on a pass/fail basis.

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