

Notification Of Remote Independent Study Option & Interest Survey For The 2021-2022 School Year

We feel confident about the strength of our Fall 2021 Stage 3: Full In-Person Learning Model safety plan. However, we recognize that some parents have determined that their student's health would be put at risk by in-person instruction. For the coming year, a Remote Independent Study program will be available as an educational alternative to in-person learning for those students, and for other students for whom this option is appropriate. ***Please note that our Remote Independent Study program will not be provided through the use of our certificated staff. Instead, the program will be coordinated through a partnering district or county office program.***

The State adopted legislation (AB130) requires all public school districts in California to offer a Remote Independent Study program. The Remote Independent Study program is NOT the same as the "distance learning" option that was offered last school year. In addition, this program is not to be confused with our current Independent Study program offered to families of students who will be out more than 5 school days, but less than 15 school days.

What is Remote Independent Study?

Remote Independent Study will include a mix of remote daily live interactions, synchronous and asynchronous online instruction. Assembly Bill 130 requires a remote independent study program option be available for the 2021-22 school year for students whose health would be put at risk by in-person instruction, as determined by the parent/guardian.

Conference

Parents and guardians have the right to request a student-parent-educator conference to ask questions before making the decision about enrollment or disenrollment in the Remote Independent Study program. The conference may be conducted by telephone, videoconference or in-person. If you wish to request a conference for your child, please do so using the contact information at the end of this notice.

Procedures for Enrolling, Disenrolling and Reenrolling in Remote Independent Study

The Remote Independent Study program will be set up for students for the year. However, if you wish to have your child return from remote independent study to in-person instruction during the school year, you may provide notice to the contact information provided below, and your child will be returned to in-person instruction no later than five instructional days after we receive the notice. Your child will be returned to a class with available space, therefore, there is no guarantee for teacher preference.

A student with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) may not participate in remote independent study unless the student's IEP specifically provides for that participation.

Remote Independent Study Instructional Model

For students in grades K-3, instruction will be provided using daily synchronous instruction. For students in grades 4-8, instruction will include daily live interaction and at least weekly synchronous instruction. Synchronous instruction refers to classroom-style instruction, or small group, or one-on-one instruction delivered remotely by the teacher and provides for two-way communication between the student and teacher.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the Remote Independent Study program, please complete the parent survey to submit your interest by **Friday, July 30, 2021**. If you wish to schedule a conference to discuss the Remote Independent Study program further, please contact us at the phone number or e-mail address below:

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