

CAMBRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy

Policy 6158

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INSTRUCTION ~~STUDENTS~~

Independent Study

The Cambrian School Board **recognizes the need for and** authorizes the establishment of an Independent Study program subject to the laws of the State of California and to the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education for **circumstances in which eligible students are unable to attend school for a defined period of time.** ~~whose needs may be best met through study outside of the regular classroom setting.~~

Independent study refers to a formal independent learning arrangement in which a written agreement exists between a student, the student's parent(s) or legal guardian, a designated supervisor in a school or district, and any other person having direct responsibility for providing instruction.

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 classroom mode of instruction.

Written Agreements

The superintendent or designee shall ensure that a written master agreement and, as appropriate, a learning agreement for students participating in course-based independent study exist for each participating student as prescribed by law.

The master agreement shall specify the length of time in which each independent study assignment must be completed. Because excessive leniency in the duration of independent study assignments may result in a student falling behind his/her peers and increase the risk of dropping out of school, independent study assignments shall be no more than one week for all grade levels and types of programs. However, when necessary based on the specific circumstances of the student's approved program, the superintendent or designee may allow for a longer period of time between the date an assignment is made and when it is due, up to the termination date of the agreement.

~~A short-term independent study plan can be approved for students for family travel.~~

2021-22 Independent Study due to health concern related to COVID-19 (AB 130)

For the 2021–22 school year only, an Independent Study Virtual School Program (ISVSP) is available to students whose health would be put at risk by in-person instruction, as determined by the parent/guardian of the student. (Ed. Code 51745(a)(6)).

A student's participation in the Independent Study Virtual School Program shall be voluntary. Students participating in the Independent Study Virtual School Program shall have the right, at any time, to enter or return to the in-person classroom instruction. Should the student and parent/guardian decide to return to in-person instruction, the District will work with students and parents/guardians to transition the student back to in-person instruction within a 5-day period. (Ed. Code 51747(f))