

KIRKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy

Independent Study

BP 6158

Instruction

The Governing Board authorizes independent study as a means of allowing a student to continue with their regular classroom curriculum while out of town or unable to attend the regular classroom for other reasons. Kirkwood School offers Independent Study on a short term basis only. **The number of days a student may participate in Independent study in any given school year shall be limited to a total of 10 days. This maximum number of days may be extended upon approval of the superintendent with a written request from the parent/guardian stating the need of why the maximum should be extended.**

The minimum period of time for any independent study option shall be five consecutive school days.

The Superintendent or designee shall approve independent study for an individual student only upon determining that the student is prepared to meet the district's requirements for independent study and is likely to succeed in independent study as well as or better than he/she would in the regular classroom.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a written independent study agreement, as prescribed by law, exists for each participating student. (Education Code 51747)

Students in a class size reduction classroom in grades K-3 must be un-enrolled from that grade level classroom for the number of Independent study days they are participating in. A separate class roster must also be maintained for ADA and audit purposes.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board the number of students participating in independent study, the average daily attendance (ADA) generated for apportionment purposes, the quality of these students' work as measured by standard indicators

Home-Based Independent Study

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage parents/guardians desiring to teach their children at home to have their children participate in independent study. Such participation allows continued contact and cooperation between the school system and the home-based student.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17289 Exemption for facilities

42238 Revenue limits

44865 Qualifications for home teachers and teachers in special classes and schools;
consent to assignment

46300-46300.6 Methods of computing ADA

47612.5 Independent study in charter schools

48204 Residency based on parent employment

48206.3 Home or hospital instruction; students with temporary disabilities

48220 Classes of children exempted

48340 Improvement of pupil attendance

48915 Expulsion; particular circumstances

48916.1 Educational program requirements for expelled students

48917 Suspension of expulsion order

51225.3 Requirements for high school graduation

51745-51749.3 Independent study programs

56026 Individuals with exceptional needs

FAMILY CODE

6550 Authorization affidavits

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11700-11703 Independent study

COURT DECISIONS

Modesto City Schools v. Education Audits Appeal Panel, (2004) 123 Cal.App.4th 1365

Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

Independent Study Operations Manual, 2000 edition

WEB SITES

California Consortium for Independent Study: <http://www.ccis.org>

California Department of Education, Independent Study: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/eo/is>

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