



## **PUSD Independent Study Program FAQs**

### **If I enroll in the ISP, can I transfer back to traditional school?**

Students cannot transfer to and from the ISP. A one semester minimum commitment is required. Each semester a new contract must be signed and consultation be held.

### **My child is eligible for free and reduced lunch. Can they still receive a meal daily?**

All students in the SPC will still have access to the free and reduced lunch program. Families will need to pick-up their lunch at a designated location.

### **Is this NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) and UC (University of California) Approved?**

Yes, the ISP is both NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) and UC (University of California) approved.

### **Can my student return to traditional school mid-year?**

No, students may return to their physical school during winter break and summer break.

### **Who assigns the grades?**

PUSD teachers assign marks for completed work using the PUSD report card.

### **What is the parent's role at PUSD?**

Unlike homeschooling, parents are not teachers at PUSD but they do have an important role in their student's education. Parents should help their students create a quiet space for work as well as protecting time to complete their work. We recommend 5 hours of work daily. Parents are learning partners and help ensure students are on task and keeping up with their daily work. This assistance with time management is especially important for younger students. Most students require less parental support as they get older.

### **What if my student needs additional support?**

There are synchronous sessions offered in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies for High School students.



**Can students participate in any extracurricular / after school activities / sports**

Yes.

**Some of the subjects from our existing schedule are not offered, what do we do?**

Your counselor will reach out to you to find alternative classes.

**If my child is supposed to take an honors class and Accelerate Education doesn't offer honors for one subject, what should we do?**

Your child will take the standard (non-honors), and they will be placed back into the honors program in the next semester.

**If your student needs any support for social-emotional learning or mental health, the student can still access all of the resources and counseling provided by the [PUSD Wellness Center](#) or [PHS Counseling Center](#).**