

Summary of SUHSD Policies and Procedures

The Board of Trustees authorizes independent study as an optional alternative instructional strategy for students, in any school K-12 and adult school in the district. Independent study provides a means for students to achieve curriculum objectives that meet district and California State content standards and graduation requirements outside the regular classroom.

Independent Study is a continuously voluntary educational alternative in which no student may be required to participate. Instruction may be provided only if the student is offered a classroom that is always available.

As prescribed by law, the Superintendent or designee shall guarantee that each participating student has an executed written independent study agreement containing all required components (Learning Agreement). Independent study agreements, including subsidiary agreements, must be consistent with the district's adopted course of study.

To help each student succeed in independent study, the Board establishes the maximum length of time, by grade level and type of program, which may elapse between the time an independent study assignment is made and the date by which the student must submit the assigned work. For any school in the district, the student shall have two weeks or 10 days to complete his/her assignment, the Superintendent or designee may extend the maximum length of an assignment.

[Board Policy 6158: Independent Studies](#)

[Administrative Regulation 6158: Independent Studies](#)