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**INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM**

Students between the ages of 6 and 18 years are subject to compulsory, full-time education. Under provisions of Chapter 3 and Education Code 48400, students shall attend public school full time. It is in the best interest of students to attend school the entire school year (180 days) without interruption unless for illness.

Independent study is designed to provide assignments related to regular class instruction to accommodate family and student needs when the student cannot attend school. The purpose of an Independent Study Program is twofold: it provides the student with class work while away from campus, and it gives the District financial credit for instructional guidance and review of the student's independent work. The Board strongly encourages regular school attendance; independent study is not intended as an alternative to regular school attendance. Excessive use of independent study may result in a student's falling behind academically.

The Independent Study Program operates pursuant to a voluntary written agreement between the student, the parents/guardians of the student, the student's teacher or designated representative, and a school administrator. This independent study agreement must be arranged in advance of the student's absence.

The Independent Study Program provides students with an opportunity to perform teacher-assigned study tasks while away from the campus for five or more days.

Work is due upon the student's return to the classroom. Under extraordinary circumstances, the Superintendent or designee may extend the period of time between the date an assignment is made and the date by which the student must complete the assigned work for a period not to exceed six weeks, pursuant to a written request with justification.

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for developing procedures pursuant to this policy.

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**INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM** (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48340 Improvement of pupil attendance

51745-51749.3 Independent study programs

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11700-11703 Independent study

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>

Policy

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