

**Lower Merion School District**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

Policy No.:	118
Section:	PROGRAMS
Title:	INDEPENDENT STUDY
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**R118 INDEPENDENT STUDY**

Guidelines

Students who have completed the tenth grade may apply for independent study in a particular academic discipline.

The Principal and/or Director of Secondary Education shall approve each course of independent study and shall designate the number of credits toward graduation to be awarded upon successful completion of each such course. Each such course of study must meet the requirements of applicable codes and regulations.

No student will be granted more than one Independent Study per school year, unless required by an Individualized Education Plan or a Gifted Individualized Education Plan.

Options for “virtual high school” should be considered prior to approving an Independent Study.

The Independent Study shall:

1. Have learning objectives that differ from other courses that are currently offered by the school;
2. Be recorded on a student’s transcripts;
3. Be graded as Pass/Fail;
4. Not be calculated in a student’s GPA;
5. Be the duration of either one semester or a full year; and
6. Not contribute to fulfilling a year of credit for a graduation requirement (i.e. an independent study may not fulfill a graduation credit for math or any other subject).

Any outside adults involved in the Independent Study shall obtain and present to the District any criminal background and child abuse clearances required by law.