DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

Athletic Independent Study Proposal Form
Grades 9-12

Requirements:

• An Athletic Independent Study is normally granted to a student who participates at an advanced level in a sport not currently offered at GFA
  o Examples include: participating in area crew programs, swim teams, organized horseback riding programs, etc
• Activities must be structured and meet at least 3 times a week (not including weekends)
• Athletics must be coached and provided with opportunities to compete
• Independent Studies will not be granted for a sport during the season that sport is offered at GFA
• Studies will not be granted for taking "lessons" in a sport or activity, e.g. tennis, riding, karate, etc.
• Typically just 1 season of an Independent Study is granted each year

As these are truly "independent studies", no points towards the GFA Varsity Letter, Sweater, or Watch will be awarded.

If you are interested in requesting an Independent Study, please fill out the Proposal Form (available anytime from the athletic office or on the website) and return it to Ms. Butterfield before the deadline. **NOTE: This is a strict deadline. If you miss the deadline, NO Independent Study will be granted.**

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

• Fall - 3rd Monday of September
• Winter - 3rd Monday of November
• Spring - 3rd Monday of February

**All requests will be reviewed by the Athletic Independent Study Committee. You will be notified within one week of approval or denial of your request. If your request is denied, you will need to choose a "team" or "recreational" sport to participate in for that season.**

Freshmen, Sophomores, And Juniors:

• Your Independent Study, if approved, will count as one of your athletic seasons, but can only count as a "team" sport if it is approved as a "team" activity. If you desire your Independent Study to count as a "team" activity, be sure to indicate this on your Proposal Form.
• NOTE: In order to receive credit for your Independent Study, you must submit the Independent Study Follow-Up Form to your Coach, and then return it to Mrs. Butterfield. You may pick up this form from the athletic office or print it off the website at any time.

Please feel free to contact Ms. Harris at (203) 349-7103 or jharris@gfacademy.org at any time if you have questions or concerns about this process. Attached is the Proposal Form.

Thank you,

Jennifer Harris, Assistant Director of Athletics
ATHLETIC INDEPENDENT PROPOSAL FORM

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Grade: ___________

Proposed Sport/Activity: _____________________ Season: ___ Fall

Please Select One: Team or Recreational ___ Winter

___ Spring

Inclusive Dates of Proposal: _____________________________

Practice Times: _____________________________

Name of Coach: _____________________________ Phone: ___________

Name/Location of Facility: _____________________________

Goals/Objectives of Participating: _____________________________

Dates/Locations of Any Competitions: _____________________________

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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____________________________ Date: ___________

Athletic Director Signature: _____________________________ Date: ___________

Independent Study Committee Approval: _____________________________ Date: ___________