

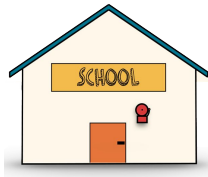
SHOW UP FOR SCHOOL 2021-22

INDEPENDENT STUDY (IS)

The California Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB 130), directing districts across the state to offer Independent Study (IS) as the educational option for 2021-22 for families who opt not to have their children return to in-person instruction in public K-12 schools. The Legislature designated IS as the one alternative to in-person learning for the 2021-22 school year only.

Districts do not have the option to offer “hybrid” learning as was done in 2020-21.

What Schools Need To Do



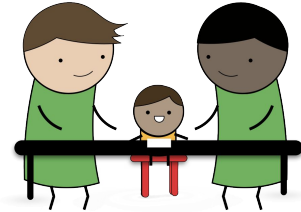
Offering Independent Study

- Districts must offer IS through their district, or may choose to contract with a County Office of Education (COE) or establish interdistrict transfer agreement with another school district.
- Board of Education must adopt and implement new board policies and written agreements that meet the criteria for AB130

How IS will work

- Students will receive both synchronous (instruction delivered with two-way communication between the student and teacher) and asynchronous (assigned work done independently)
 - Grades TK-3: Daily synchronous instruction for all students
 - Grades 4-8: Both daily live interaction & weekly synchronous instruction
 - Grades 9-12: Weekly synchronous instruction
- Students will take part in live interaction with teachers, aides, peers or other school personnel
- Students who wish to return to in-person instruction or IS will be returned to their preferred method of instruction no later than five instructional days after the district receives notice.

What Families Need to Know



Family Notification

- Districts and COEs must notify parents and guardians of the option to enroll a student in in-person instruction or IS during the school year. That notification shall include written information on the district website. It should include, but is not limited to:
 - Right to request a pupil-parent-educator conference prior to enrollment in IS
 - Pupil rights regarding procedures for enrollment, disenrollment and re-enrollment in IS
 - The synchronous and asynchronous instruction time to be provided to the student (will vary by grade level)

Getting Your Child Enrolled in IS

- There must be a written agreement in place for each student participating in IS, which must be signed by student's parent, legal guardian or caregiver
- All schools/districts offering IS must offer to hold a pupil-parent-educator conference or school meeting via either phone, video conference or in-person before signing the IS written agreement. Attendees should have the chance to ask questions about:
 - Educational options
 - Curriculum offerings
 - Non-academic supports available
 - Families may choose to return their students to in-person instruction or IS at any point during the school year