



Arvin Union School District

737 Bear Mtn. Blvd Arvin, CA 93203

Independent Study Elementary/Middle School Learning Agreement

The Arvin Independent Study Program (ISP) is an optional alternative instructional strategy students voluntarily select and are not required to enroll in. Independent Study will be offered for the 2021-22 school year by the Arvin Union School District for students whose health would be put at risk with in-person instruction.

This program, both short- and long-term, provides families a self-paced program designed by a certificated teacher using all the learning materials and curriculum available to AUSD students. Independent Study students will complete the same amount of work as they would in a regular in-person school day. The main difference includes greater flexibility through self-paced weekly work completion.

Elementary students will meet with their teacher for 1 hour daily; Middle School students will conference 1 day per week and must also commit to daily check ins with their teacher and parent/guardian to submit assignments, take scheduled assessments, and review new assignments for the upcoming week. The student will have the same amount of time as other students to complete assignments. **All assigned work is due and graded at the end of the week assigned.** As a learning team, you, your parent/guardian, and teacher will work together to make sure you are supported and challenged. In addition to the required weekly check-in meeting, you are encouraged to email or message your teacher as questions arise, however, your teacher will have other students to support and may not be immediately available. If you require more than an email response, you can make a request for an additional meeting time during the week.

The due date of assigned work cannot be extended, even due to illness so the work must be turned in. According to district policy, the maximum length of time that may elapse between the date an assignment is given to the student and the date it is due is 5 days, Grades K to 8, inclusive, unless an exception is made in accordance with district policy. With the support of the parent, guardian, or caregiver the student will submit assignments on or before their due date. After three missed assignments, as per board policy, an evaluation will be made to determine whether the student should remain in Independent Study or be referred to an alternative program, which may include a regular school program. Students must demonstrate they can meet satisfactory educational progress to remain in Independent Study.

Students on Independent Studies will receive all the materials other students receive, including a Chromebook, textbooks, internet support if needed, and instructions that will be explained to them and their parents/guardians. Students are strongly encouraged to contact their teacher if they have any questions throughout the week, however, their teacher will have other students to support and may not be immediately available.

Both English Language Development and social-emotional support will be provided and available to all students, whether in Independent Study or in-person instruction.

The minimum period for the Independent Study learning agreement is no less than 3 consecutive school days: and no longer than one school year. The total quantity of work will be equal to grade level assignments for in-person instruction.

For the 2021-22 school year only, the district shall obtain a signed written agreement for Independent Study no later than 30 days after the first day of instruction.

Signatures and Dates: We have read and understand the terms of the agreement.

By signing, we agree to the above provisions.

Student Name:	Student Signature:	Date:
Birthdate:	Student Address:	Grade:
School site:	Parent/Guardian/caregiver Signature:	Date:
Teachers Signature:		Date: