

**BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL MASTER AGREEMENT FOR
INDEPENDENT STUDY**

STUDENT

I understand that

- Independent Study is an optional education alternative that I have voluntarily selected. If I am a student who was suspended or expelled, I was offered the alternative of classroom instruction and independent study, and I chose independent study.
- By entering _____ High School I have not waived any rights as a student, and I am entitled to all Birmingham Community Charter High School services and resources.
- If I am a student with an individual education program, (IRP), my IEP must specifically provide for my enrollment in Independent Study.
- I have reviewed the Birmingham Community Charter High School requirements for graduation. (See page 5)\
- I must follow all the discipline code and behavior guidelines of Birmingham Community Charter High School. Any violation of these guidelines or failure to meet school/district requirements could result in dismissal from _____ High School.
- Visitation on any other school campus requires permission from the school.
- If I achieve only minimum study requirements, I will complete the equivalent of only one semester course a month, or a minimum of 25 credits a semester. A regular high school program is 30 credits a semester.
- If I want to return to a comprehensive high school I can do so at the semester only.

I agree to:

- Be supervised by the designated Independent Study teacher and/or other approved resource personnel.
- Meet regularly with the assigned staff member. I understand that failure to complete _____ assignments will result in an evaluation to determine if I should remain in independent study and may also result in one or more of the following:
 1. A letter of concern to me and my parent, guardian, or caregiver, if appropriate
 2. A specially scheduled appointment
 3. A special meeting with the teacher and/or counselor
 4. A meeting with the administrator, including my parent, guardian, or caregiver, if appropriate
 5. Communication with Probation if student is on probation status.
 6. Increase in the amount of time I must be on campus or in an equivalent supervised situation
 7. Termination of the agreement and my return to a regular classroom program of instruction or other appropriate alternative.
- Meet weekly with the Work Experience coordinator if I am enrolled in work experience
- Obtain transportation to scheduled meetings.
I understand that lack of transportation to the school site is not an acceptable reason for failing to meet with, my teacher and/or supervisor to submit my completed assignments.
- Complete my assigned work and pass tests related to the course of study.

Student's signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN/CAREGIVER

I understand that the major objective of Independent Study is to provide a voluntary educational alternative for my son or daughter.

I agree to the above condition listed under "Student". I also understand that:

- Individual course objectives are consistent with an evaluated in the same manner that they would be if he or she were enrolled in a traditional school program.
- I am liable for the cost of replacement or repair for willfully damaged or destroyed books and other school property checked out to my son or daughter.
- Unless otherwise indicated, a teacher or supervisor will meet with my son or daughter on a regular basis to direct and measure progress. The teacher or the supervisor in consultation with my son or daughter will determine the time and location of meetings with the teacher or supervisor.
- While student is on Independent Study Program for disciplinary issues the student is not to come to campus unless he/she has an appointment with the Independent Study teacher. Student may be violated for trespassing.
- I have the right to appeal any decision about my son's or daughter's placement, school program, or transfer according to the school district's procedures.

Parent's/Guardian's/Caregiver's signature: _____ Date: _____