Independent Study
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I enroll into Independent Study?
A: Have your home school refer you and complete the Alternative Education packet. Once it's approved by the HUSD and IDS principal then you will be called for an enrollment appointment at the IDS site. Once student and parent come in for the enrollment appointment they will both sign a contract along with the rest of the enrollment forms.

Q: Can I take a class or participate in any events at my home school?
A: Yes, students can take one class (which is not given at the IDS site)each quarter at their home school while enrolled at IDS. Students can also participate in sports and other school events (i.e. prom, dances. clubs) if they meet the GPA requirement of the school in order to participate.

Q: Will I have to still attend my home school while waiting to transfer to Independent Study?
A: Yes, you must still attend your home school until you are notified from an Independent Study office staff member to enroll/register.

Q: Is IDS College prep?
A: No. IDS does not offer college prep classes. Also, the highest math a student can take at IDS is Geometry.

Q: Can I take classes at a Community College while attending IDS?
A: Yes, students can do a concurrent enrollment and take up to two classes at a Community College while being at IDS.

Q: Will I graduate from Independent Studies if I go to school there?
A: No, IDS is a program, so depending on your credits you will graduate either from your home school or continue on to the Adult School or a community college. Students and parents should keep updated on credit totals throughout the school year. Feel free to consult with faculty.

Q: How many times per week do I attend?
A: Minimum is twice per week for one hour per day. If needed, students will be required to attend more frequently. Missed class appointments and missed work equals absences, which could result in being dropped from the program.

Q: How does IDS work? How do I get credit?
A: Students are assigned to one teacher who gives the students work in all the subject areas the student needs to graduate. Most of the work is done at home and the student is to have completed all the assigned work when he/she meets with their teacher. Each teacher monitors deadlines for school assignments.

Q: What days and time do I go in?
A: Students pick the day and time with their teacher depending on what schedule best fits both of them. Any changes from the agreed times need to be approved by the teacher, by phone or e-mail.

Q: Can I attend ROP while at IDS.
A: Yes. Students can attend ROP while at IDS.

Q. What are the most credits I can get per quarter?
A. Maximum credits per quarter is 20.