

# **ELP High School Independent Study Guidelines for Guided Learning Pathways**

## **Independent Study Credit**

Students may earn elective credit to pursue areas of study or real-world projects that are not offered in the general curriculum. Students must acquire approval by the high school ELP teacher and cooperatively develop a course of study to fit individual interests. Space is limited for high school students, so priority will be given to earlier applications that demonstrate a clearly identified topic of interest. Independent Study projects must be completed during the traditional school year.

The student will meet with the high school ELP teacher to discuss expectations and a potential course of study. Once a course of study is developed and signed by the ELP teacher and student, the student will gain signatures of approval from their parent(s) and their school counselor. Planning and preparations should begin at least two to four weeks prior to the end of the preceding trimester. (Exceptions may be made at the start of the school year.)

The high school ELP teacher will serve as advisor, supervisor, and evaluator. The course of study will establish guidelines for the project and a sequential time schedule for completion of the work. A schedule of regular meetings between the student and teacher will be established. The ELP teacher will evaluate the project prior to credit being issued.

A student may earn 1 to 5 credits of Independent Study per trimester with a maximum of thirty (30) credits counting toward elective graduation requirements only. Guidelines for credit will be one credit hour for a minimum of 15 hours of work. The student is required to turn in a written log of the dates/time during which the student completed the project.

These credits may NOT be counted toward early graduation. Grading is done on a pass/fail basis. It will show as "Independent Study" on the transcript. For the class to appear on a student's transcript, it must be taken for credit (see above). Receiving credit for independent projects is optional, and agreed upon in the initial plan. (This may be modified throughout the course.)

An independent study project must be completed one week prior to the end of the term for which credit is to be issued.

Study projects for credit will not:

1. Be included as part of the minimum course load requirement.
2. Be counted toward a PE academic waiver course load requirement.
3. Replace any of the subject area graduation requirements i.e., science, language arts, social studies, physical education and/or math.
4. Be taken in lieu of a course offered in the district.

## CONTRACT PROPOSAL FOR HIGH SCHOOL ELP GUIDED LEARNING PATHWAY

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Project topic/title \_\_\_\_\_ Trimester \_\_\_\_\_

<i><b>What are you going to learn? (Objectives)</b></i>	<i><b>How are you going to learn it? (Resources and Strategies)</b></i>	<i><b>Target date for completion</b></i>	<i><b>Check-in every _____ w/ Advising Instructor</b></i>	<i><b>How are you going to know that you learned it? (Evidence)</b></i>	<i><b>How are you going to prove that you learned it? (Verification)</b></i>	<i><b>Advising Instructor feedback - End of Study (comments)</b></i>
<i>Itemize what you want to be able to do or know when completed.</i>	<i>What do you have to do in order to meet each of the objectives defined?</i>	<i>When do you plan to complete each task?</i>	<i>Feedback/ Was the objective met? Plan for the next objective.</i>	<i>What is the specific task that you are to complete to demonstrate learning?</i>	<i>Who will receive the product of your learning and how will they evaluate it?</i>	<i>Accolades/suggestions ..</i>

**Credit Hours (circle desired) No Credit, 1, 2, 3**

*\*Minimum 15 work hours per credit hour, maximum of 5 credit hours per trimester*

**I have reviewed and find acceptable the above learning contract.**

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ELP Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_