

Cohasset High School Independent Study Program

The Independent Study Program at Cohasset High School provides students a facilitated opportunity to engage in independent, self-directed learning experiences. Through this program, students have the opportunity to develop, refine, and follow a self-determined program of study, supervised and guided by a faculty mentor, to deepen and strengthen their learning on a subject of particular personal interest.

Application Process:

Step 1: Idea/Interest Form

- a. Identify a project/subject of particular interest to you. This project should advance your learning and should not replicate courses already offered at CHS.
- b. Speak with a teacher with whom you would like to work.
- c. Speak with your counselor to ensure that an independent study is available to you given scheduling and graduation requirements.
- d. Complete the Interest Form and submit it to the Independent Study Coordinator and the appropriate Department Head.
- e. The department head and the coordinator will approve and/or provide feedback on your idea.

Step 2: Proposal

- a. Once you receive preliminary approval, you will develop a complete proposal in cooperation with your faculty mentor.
- b. Submit your completed proposal to the Department Head and the Independent Study Coordinator with appropriate signatures as indicated.
- c. The department head and the coordinator will provide feedback and/or approve the proposal with [this rubric](#).
- d. Once the proposal meets approval requirements, the department head will provide final approval, and the independent study coordinator will notify you, your faculty mentor, and your counselor.

Step 3: Scheduling/Timeline

- a. Once the department head has granted approval, you will meet with your counselor to add your independent study to your schedule with all of the appropriate information.
- b. **Application Deadline:** You should submit your application no later than **one month prior** to the start of the quarter in which you would like to complete your independent study.
- c. **Work Completion Deadline:** Your work will be due by close of grades for the quarter in which you complete your independent study.
- d. **Presentation/Showcase:** You will be notified of your final presentation / showcase dates prior to the end of your independent study.

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Interest in Independent Study Application

Please type to complete.

Student Information:

Name:	
Email Address:	
Year of Graduation:	
Counselor Name:	
Cooperating Faculty Mentor:	
Faculty Mentor Email Address:	

Project Information:

Topic/Subject of Independent Study:	
Department:	
Length of Project:	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 S1 S2
Description of Project <i>(Please answer concisely but thoroughly on an attached sheet of paper)</i> :	
-Why have you chosen to pursue an independent study? -What will the goal of your project be? -How will you complete your work? -How will you measure your success? -What role will your faculty mentor play in the project?	

Students: Please collect the indicated signatures below and return this form to the independent study coordinator. You will receive comments and/or approval via email prior to moving on to the proposal step.

Faculty Mentors: Please sign below to indicate your willingness to supervise the independent study for this student.

Counselors: Please sign below to indicate your acknowledgement of this student's request for an independent study.

	Signature:	Date:
Student:		
Faculty:		
Counselor:		

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Proposal Template

Please type to complete.

Student Information:

Name:	
Email Address:	
Year of Graduation:	
Counselor Name:	
Cooperating Faculty Mentor:	
Faculty Mentor Email Address:	

Project Proposal:

Title of Independent Study:	
Department:	
Proposal Narrative (Please type your project proposal on a separate document, including the information mentioned below)	
What are the learning objectives of your independent study?	What are your goals for the project? Please use the SMART goals protocol indicated in the Independent Study Guide.
What work products will you generate? What will your final product be? What resources will you need? Please include specific details.	What specific tools will you use to track and document your work?
How will your faculty mentor support you through your project?	How will you prepare your work to share with the school/community?
What is the tentative schedule of work for your independent study? Please provide a general outline of all weeks.	How does this project align with the Core Values and Expectations of Cohasset High School?

	Signature:	Date:
Student:		
Faculty:		
Counselor:		