

FLHS Independent Study

Philosophy Statement

We, the faculty of Fox Lane High School, believe that all students should be encouraged and supported in the pursuit of self-directed learning. To that end, the Independent Study Program is available to students who propose an academic project, during one school year that is sponsored by a member of our faculty. This course of study will take the student beyond the current offerings in the course catalog.

Credit for Independent Study

Students in the 10th through 12th grade who show readiness for independent learning and a high likelihood of success may submit an Independent Study proposal. The proposal will be approved or denied by a school based committee. Each proposal must include a willing faculty sponsor who is knowledgeable in the subject area of the independent study. The faculty sponsor and the student will meet at least twice a month to discuss the planning and progress of the Independent Study. Additional criteria include the following:

- The independent study will be academically rigorous and of comparable scope and sequence to the classroom work that would have been done at school;
- The independent study is based on a syllabus on file for each independent study;
- Throughout the independent study, the student will maintain a written journal summarizing the meetings and the progress of the Independent Study.
- At the end of the semester or year, the student will present a completed project or product and journal to the Independent Study Committee.

Assessment of Independent Study: An Independent Study is assessed with one of the following grades: Pass with Distinction; Pass; or Failed to complete. Upon successful completion, this grade will appear on a student's transcript. The grade will not be counted in the student's GPA.

In order to successfully complete an independent study, the student must*:

- complete the Independent Study Proposal form (attached) and submit it to his or her guidance counselor by:
 - September 20th for a full year or first semester Independent Study
 - February 15th for a second semester Independent Study
- gain the approval for the proposed Independent Study by meeting with the Independent Study Committee. Appointments may be made through the Principal's office. The student and the faculty sponsor, recruited by that student, must be present at the proposal meeting.

*** Please Note:** A student must be in good standing academically and behaviorally to be considered for approval of an Independent Study.

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