West Contra Costa Unified School District
Short Term Independent Study

What Independent Study is

Independent study gives students a way to stay engaged in learning when they need to be away from school for a short period of time. This includes during a strike.

Independent study keeps students connected to their classwork, can avoid gaps in learning, and can ensure your student receives attendance credit for the work they complete. It is meant for short-term situations and is designed so families do not need extra materials or supplies from their school. You can request between 1 and 15 days of independent study.

What Independent Study Includes

Students receive a learning plan with activities that match their grade level. These plans are created so students can complete them using at-home materials. Some plans may contain online learning activities that are also grade-level appropriate. Each plan explains what work needs to be turned in as evidence of learning and directions are provided in English and Spanish, so families have clear guidance.

Families should ensure their student completes all assigned work during the dates of their independent study, by submitting the evidence of work in the method described. If the work in the plan assigned for a particular day is missing or incomplete, that day may be counted as an absence.

How Families Request Independent Study

Participation in Independent Study is completely voluntary and requires the parent or guardian to initiate the request. The process is simple and starts with the completion of a short online form:

1. You can request between 1 and 15 days of independent study. If you are seeking independent study for the duration of any labor strike, you can say so in your request.
    a. https://app.informedk12.com/link_campaigns/tk-12-short-term-independent-study-agreement-english?token=YVbtDgf78orpXoEkiFmAS4Es
2. Once your form is submitted, signed and approved - you will receive the learning plan for your student to complete during the days they will be out with instructions.

Our schools are here to help make the process smooth. If you have questions or need support completing the form, please contact your school and they will be happy to assist.