



INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

FAQS

What is Independence High School?

IHS is a WASC-accredited, alternative high school within LUHSD. It is a school of choice serving about 200 students through a hybrid independent study model.

Who is eligible? Current LUHSD students.

Students with an IEP must first meet with their case manager and follow district procedures.

Non-LUHSD students must start with the [Student Services Department](#)

Why do families choose IHS?

Smaller, flexible setting, personalized academic support, and the ability to work from home at an individual pace (about 20–25 hours per week).

Is IHS an independent study-only school?

Yes and No. IHS uses a hybrid model combining at-home independent study with in-person instruction for math and select electives.

Is there an online option with no on-campus requirement? *Possibly, yes.*

Based on specific criteria, eligible students may be approved by the Director. If interested, please note this on the official transfer request or upon initial enrollment with IHS.

How do students enroll or transfer?

Begin with your current school counselor, then complete the provided online [Transfer Request](#)

Any other enrollment requirements? *Yes*

Meeting the [Transfer Deadlines](#), attending the mandatory orientation, and signing an agreement.

Can students participate in high school athletics? *No*

Is the coursework packet-based? *No*

Coursework is delivered and submitted via Canvas, online platforms, and in person.

Are computers/internet access required?

Yes. A computer or laptop is required; cell phones are not compatible and do not support an effective learning experience.

How much time is spent on campus?

Classes/appointments are 80 minutes, a minimum of 4 semester classes required.

- Grades 9-11: 5-8 hours per week
- Seniors on track: minimum of 80 min per week

Is transportation provided/available? *No*

How are credits earned? On a variable credit system. The expectations are:

- 2.5 credits per quarter & 5.0 per semester

How many credits are required to graduate? Required 205

Is the diploma equivalent? *Yes*

How long may students attend?

Students may remain as long as the model is academically beneficial.

Is there a graduation ceremony? *Yes*

Can graduates attend college? *Yes*

Can a student transfer and graduate from a comprehensive site? *Yes*

They must attend the comprehensive site during their final semester and meet the requirements.