



# 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 [2026-27 Transfer Timelines.docx](#)

Both student and parent must attend a mandatory orientation and sign a Learning 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.