

# **INDEPENDENT STUDY**

## **A SUMMIT EXPERIENCE IN LEARNING**

### Program Information

**The purpose of an independent study course is to provide students the opportunity to study content areas not offered in the regular DVUSD curricular program.** Independent study courses may not be substituted for a specific graduation requirement and courses offered in the regular curriculum may not be taken as independent study. Independent study must be pre-approved by school administration, and sponsored, monitored and graded by a DVUSD staff member. A maximum of two credits may be earned through independent study. This is a pass/fail course.

### Intent and Expectations

The Independent Study program is designed to give the student the opportunity to develop independence in learning and to engender the qualities of curiosity, imagination, initiative, responsibility, self-discipline, organization, creativity, and enthusiastic learning. The student plans and executes his/her own highly individualized program of work.

### Guidelines

The following guidelines are provided to protect the integrity of the Deer Valley USD curriculum and to provide students and advisors with a clear direction for successfully completing an Independent Study course.

- Eligible students
  - Must be in grades 10, 11, or 12
  - Must have a 3.0 average in the topic area
  - Must demonstrate high motivation, considerable skill and academic ability, and a superior potential for independent learning
- Only pass/fail will be issued for successful completion of the course.
- Weekly progress meetings between faculty advisor and the student are required and must be documented.
- Once a course is approved, the student will have until the end of the semester in which to complete the course work.
- The faculty advisor must be properly certified in the subject area in which they are sponsoring the student.

- A student may earn a maximum of 2 credits through independent study.
- Teachers who sponsor student outside of their regular school day may be paid \$200.00 per .5 credit course successfully completed by a student. A supervising teacher can sponsor a maximum of 3 students per semester. A teacher who is approved to sponsor an Independent Study during the regular day may do so, but will not receive compensation.
- A complete proposal must be submitted to the campus administrator for approval. The student and faculty advisor should work together to develop the proposal.
- The faculty advisor must submit the final grade at the end of the semester to the campus administrator and registrar.

## **Independent Study Proposal**

Independent Study Course Title

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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Semester Term \_\_\_\_\_

Course of Study Objectives:

*(A separate sheet of paper may be submitted)*

Description of Independent Study Activities/Outcomes/Products:

*(A separate sheet of paper may be submitted)*

*I assume full responsibility for my conduct while pursuing this Independent Study program. I realize that abuse of the intent of this program, not meeting deadlines, missing sessions, or wasting contact time will result in the termination of the program with no credit.*

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*I approve this Independent Study proposal.*

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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The above student has earned the following grade in this Independent Study program. *Attach log of progress monitoring meetings and contact sessions.*

Grade Earned:            P (Pass)            F (Fail)

Faculty Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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