

## **BOARD POLICY UPDATE**

### **Board Policy 6158 - Independent Study**

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 130)** which requires all districts, for the 2021-22 school year, to offer independent study to meet the educational needs of students unless a waiver is obtained and to adopt policy with specified components in order to generate apportionment for independent study. Policy updates the minimum period of time permitted for independent study to be three consecutive school days, requires an evaluation to determine if the student should continue in independent study if the student fails to make satisfactory educational progress, and requires that content be aligned to grade level standards. Policy also updated to include the requirement for live interaction and/or synchronous instruction based on grade level, tiered reengagement strategies for students not generating attendance for a specified period of time, expeditious transition for students whose families wish to return to in-person instruction, notice to parents/guardians of specified information, the provision of a student-parent-educator conference, upon request, prior to enrollment and/or disenrollment, and the keeping of additional records including documentation of each student's participation in live interaction and synchronous instruction on each school day, as applicable. Policy updated to include material formerly in the AR regarding requirements for independent study and written agreements as well as new requirements regarding the same, including that written agreements must include a detailed statement of academic and other supports that will be provided to address the needs of particular students, that the agreement may be signed electronically as specified, and that, for the 2021-22 school year, the written agreement must be signed no later than 30 days after the first day of instruction. Policy updated to include material formerly in the AR regarding course-based independent study and to generally align the requirements of course-based independent study with the requirements for general independent study.

### **Administrative Regulation 6158 - Independent Study**

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 130)** which includes, adding definitions for "live interaction," "student-parent-educator conference" and "synchronous instruction," the requirement for all districts for the 2021-22 school year to offer independent study to meet the educational needs of students unless the district has obtained a waiver, that independent study may be offered to students whose health would be put at risk by in-person instruction as determined by the parent/guardian, the assurance of access to Internet connectivity and devices adequate to participate in the educational program and complete assigned work, and the documentation of each student's participation in live interaction and synchronous instruction pursuant to Education Code 51747 on each school day, as applicable. Material regarding requirements for independent study, written agreements and course-based independent study moved to BP.

**INDEPENDENT STUDY**

The Board of Trustees authorizes independent study as an optional alternative instructional strategy for eligible students whose needs may be best met through study outside of the regular classroom setting. Independent study shall offer a means of individualizing the educational plan to serve students who desire a more challenging educational experience, whose health or other personal circumstances make classroom attendance difficult, who are unable to access course(s) due to scheduling problems, and/or who need to make up credits or fill gaps in their learning. As necessary to meet student needs, independent study may be offered on a full-time basis or on a part-time basis in conjunction with part- or full-time classroom study.

*(cf. 5147—Dropout Prevention)*

*(cf. 6011—Academic Standards)*

*(cf. 6143—Courses of Study)*

*(cf. 6146.1—High School Graduation Requirements)*

*(cf. 6146.11—Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)*

*(cf. 6172—Gifted and Talented Student Program)*

*(cf. 6200—Adult Education)*

The Superintendent or designee may provide a variety of independent study opportunities, including, but not limited to, through a program or class within a comprehensive school, an alternative school or program of choice, a charter school, a home-based format, and an online course.

*(cf. 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization)*

*(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)*

A student's participation in independent study shall be voluntary. ~~Students participating in independent study shall have the right, at any time, to enter or return to the regular classroom mode of instruction.~~ (Education Code 51747; 51749.5)

~~Parents/guardians of students who are interested in independent study shall contact the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall approve independent study for an individual student only upon determining that the student is prepared to meet the district's requirements for independent study and is likely to succeed in independent study as well as or better than he/she would in the regular classroom setting.~~

Independent study for each student shall be under the general supervision of a district employee who possesses a valid certification document pursuant to Education Code 44865 or an emergency credential pursuant to Education Code 44300. Students' independent study shall be coordinated, evaluated, and documented, as prescribed by law and reflected in the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 51747.5)

The minimum period of time for any independent study option shall be ~~five~~ **three** consecutive school days. ~~The duration of the independent study agreement, including the beginning and ending dates for the student's participation, will be a maximum of three weeks.~~

**INDEPENDENT STUDY** (continued)**General Independent Study Requirements**

For the 2021-22 school year only, the district shall offer independent study, as specified in Education Code 51745, to meet the educational needs of students unless the district has obtained a waiver. The district may offer independent study, as specified in Education Code 51745, by contracting with a county office of education or entering into an interdistrict transfer agreement with another school district pursuant to 46600. (Education Code 51745)

For the 2022-23 school year and thereafter, the Superintendent or designee may continue to offer and approve independent study for an individual student upon determining that the student is prepared to meet the district's requirements for independent study and is likely to succeed in independent study as well as or better than the student would in the regular classroom setting.

*(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)*

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*

*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*

*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*

*(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)*

*(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)*

*(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)*

Because excessive leniency in the duration of independent study assignments may result in a student falling behind peers and increase the risk of dropping out of school, independent study assignments shall be completed no more than one week after assigned for all grade levels and types of program. However, when necessary based on the specific circumstances of the student's approved program, the Superintendent or designee may allow for a longer period of time between the date an assignment is made and when it is due, up to the termination date of the agreement.

An evaluation shall be conducted to determine whether it is in a student's best interest to remain in independent study whenever the student fails to make satisfactory educational progress and/or misses three assignments. Satisfactory educational progress shall be determined based on all of the following indicators: (Education Code 51747)

1. The student's achievement and engagement in the independent study program, as indicated by the student's performance on applicable student-level measures of student achievement and engagement specified in Education Code 52060
2. The completion of assignments, assessments, or other indicators that evidence that the student is working on assignments
3. Learning required concepts, as determined by the supervising teacher

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4. Progress towards successful completion of the course of study or individual course, as determined by the supervising teacher

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students participating in independent study for 15 school days or more receive the following throughout the school year: (Education Code 51747)

1. For students in grades transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 3, opportunities for daily synchronous instruction
2. For students in grades 4-8, opportunities for both daily live interaction and at least weekly synchronous instruction
3. For students in grades 9-12, opportunities for at least weekly synchronous instruction

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that procedures for tiered reengagement strategies are used for all students who are not generating attendance for more than three school days or 60 percent of the instructional days in a school week, or who are in violation of their written agreement. This requirement only applies to students participating in an independent study program for 15 school days or more. The procedures shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, all of the following: (Education Code 51747)

1. Verification of current contact information for each enrolled student
2. Notification to parents/guardians of lack of participation within one school day of the absence or lack of participation
3. A plan for outreach from the school to determine student needs, including connection with health and social services as necessary
4. A clear standard for requiring a student-parent-educator conference to review a student's written agreement and reconsider the independent study program's impact on the student's achievement and well-being, consistent with the requirements of this policy regarding work completion and satisfactory educational progress.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a plan to transition students whose families wish to return to in-person instruction from independent study expeditiously, and, in no case later, than five instructional days. This requirement only applies to students participating in an independent study program for 15 school days or more. (Education Code 51747)

## **INDEPENDENT STUDY (continued)**

### **Written Agreements**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a written master agreement ~~and, as appropriate, a learning agreement for students participating in course-based independent study~~ exists for each participating student as prescribed by law. (Education Code 51747, 51749.5)

~~The master agreement shall specify the length of time in which each independent study assignment must be completed.~~

The district shall provide written notice to the parents/guardians of all enrolled students of the option to enroll their child in in-person instruction or independent study during the 2021-22 school year. This notice shall be posted on the district's web site, and shall include, at a minimum, information about the right to request a student-parent-educator conference before enrollment, student rights regarding procedures for enrolling, disenrolling, and reenrolling in independent study, and the instructional time, including synchronous and asynchronous learning, that a student will have access to as part of independent study. (Education Code 51747)

Upon the request of the parent/guardian of a student, before making a decision about enrolling or disenrolling in independent study and entering into a written agreement to do so, the district shall conduct a telephone, videoconference, or in-person student-parent-educator conference or other meeting during which the student, parent/guardian, or their advocate may ask questions about the educational options, including which curriculum offerings and nonacademic supports will be available to the student in independent study. (Education Code 51747)

### **Master Agreement**

For the 2021-22 school year only, the district shall obtain a signed written agreement for independent study no later than 30 days after the first day of instruction.

A written agreement shall be developed and implemented for each student participating in independent study for three or more consecutive school days. (Education Code 46300, 51747; 5 CCR 11703)

The agreement shall include general student data, including the student's name, address, grade level, birth date, school of enrollment, and program placement.

The independent study agreement for each participating student also shall include, but are not limited to, all of the following: (Education Code 51747; 5 CCR 11700, 11702)

1. The frequency, time, place and manner for submitting the student's assignments, reporting the student's academic progress, and communicating with a student's parent/guardian regarding the student's academic progress

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2. The objectives and methods of study for the student's work and the methods used to evaluate that work
3. The specific resources that will be made available to the student, including materials and personnel, and access to Internet connectivity and devices adequate to participate in the educational program and complete assigned work
4. A statement of the Board's policy detailing the maximum length of time allowed between an assignment and its completion, the level of satisfactory educational progress, and the number of missed assignments which will trigger an evaluation of whether the student should be allowed to continue in independent study
5. The duration of the independent study agreement, including the beginning and ending dates for the student's participation in independent study under the agreement, with a maximum of one school year
6. A statement of the number of course credits or, for the elementary grades, other measures of academic accomplishment appropriate to the agreement, to be earned by the student upon completion
7. A statement detailing the academic and other supports that will be provided to address the needs of students who are not performing at grade level, or need support in other areas, such as English learners, students with disabilities with an individualized education program or a Section 504 plan in order to be consistent with their program or plan, students in foster care or experiencing homelessness, and students requiring mental health supports.
8. A statement that independent study is an optional educational alternative in which no student may be required to participate
9. In the case of a suspended or expelled student who is referred or assigned to any school, class, or program pursuant to Education Code 48915 or 48917, a statement that instruction may be provided through independent study only if the student is offered the alternative of classroom instruction

*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*

10. Before the commencement of independent study, the agreement shall be signed and dated by the student, the student's parent/guardian or caregiver if the student is under age 18 years, the certificated employee responsible for the general supervision of independent study, and all persons who have direct responsibility for providing assistance to the student.

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However, for the 2021-22 school year, the district shall obtain a signed written agreement for independent study from the student, or the student's parent/ guardian if the student is less than 18 years of age, the certificated employee who has been designated as having responsibility for the general supervision of independent study, and all persons who have direct responsibility for providing assistance to the pupil, no later than 30 days after the first day of instruction.

Written agreements may be signed using an electronic signature that complies with state and federal standards, as determined by the California Department of Education (CDE). (Education Code 51747)

The parent/guardian's signature on the agreement shall constitute permission for the student to receive instruction through independent study.

**Student-Parent-Educator Conferences**

A student-parent-educator conference shall be held as appropriate including, but not limited to, as a reengagement strategy and/or if requested by a parent/guardian prior to enrollment or disenrollment from independent study. (Education Code 51745.5, 51747, 51749.5)

**Records for Audit Purposes**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that records are maintained for audit purposes. These records shall include, but not be limited to: (Education Code 51748; 5 CCR 11703)

1. A copy of the Board policy, administrative regulation, and other procedures related to independent study
2. A listing of the students, by grade level, program, and school, who have participated in independent study, along with the units of the curriculum attempted and completed by students in grades K-8 and the course credits attempted by and awarded to students in grades 9-12 and adult education
3. A file of all agreements, with representative samples of each student's work products bearing the supervising teacher's notations indicating that the teacher has personally evaluated the work or personally reviewed the evaluations made by another certificated teacher
4. As appropriate to the program in which the students are participating, a daily or hourly attendance register that is separate from classroom attendance records, maintained on a current basis as time values of student work products judged by a certificated teacher, and reviewed by the supervising teacher if they are two different persons

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5. Appropriate documentation of compliance with the teacher-student ratios required by Education Code 51745.6 and 51749.5 (Education Code 51745.6 and 51749.5)
6. Appropriate documentation of compliance with the requirements pursuant to Education Code 51747.5 to ensure the coordination, evaluation, and supervision of the independent study of each student by a district employee who possesses a valid certification document pursuant to Education Code 44865 or an emergency credential pursuant to Education Code 44300 (Education Code 51747.5)

The district shall document each student's participation in live interaction and synchronous instruction pursuant to Education Code 51747 on each school day, as applicable, in whole or in part, for which independent study is provided. A student who does not participate in independent study on a school day shall be documented as nonparticipatory for that school day. (Education Code 51747.5)

The Superintendent or designee also shall maintain a written or computer-based record such as a grade book or summary document of student engagement, for each class, of all grades, assignments, and assessments for each student for independent study assignments. (Education Code 51747.5)

*(cf. 3580 - District Records)*

The signed, dated agreement, any supplemental agreement, assignment records, work samples, and attendance records may be maintained on file electronically. (Education Code 51747)

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*



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*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

17289 *Exemption for facilities*  
41020 *Audit guidelines*  
41976.2 *Independent study programs; adult education funding*  
42238 *Revenue limits*  
42238.05 *Local control funding formula; average daily attendance*  
44865 *Qualifications for home teachers and teachers in special classes and schools*  
46200-46208 *Instructional day and year*  
46300-46307.1 *Methods of computing average daily attendance*  
46390-46393 *Emergency average daily attendance*  
46600 *Interdistrict attendance computation*  
47612-47612.1 *Charter school operation*  
47612.5 *Independent study in charter schools*  
48204 *Residency*  
48206.3 *Home or hospital instruction; students with temporary disabilities*  
48220 *Classes of children exempted*  
48340 *Improvement of pupil attendance*  
48915 *Expulsion; particular circumstances*  
48916.1 *Educational program requirements for expelled students*  
48917 *Suspension of expulsion order*  
49011 *Student fees*  
51225.3 *Requirements for high school graduation*  
51745-51749.6 *Independent study programs*  
52060 *Local control and accountability plan*  
52522 *Adult education alternative instructional delivery*  
52523 *Adult education as supplement to high school curriculum; criteria*  
56026 *Individuals with exceptional needs*  
58500-58512 *Alternative schools and programs of choice*

FAMILY CODE

6550-6552 *Authorization affidavits*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

11700-11703 *Independent study*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6301 *Highly qualified teachers*

6311 *State plans*

COURT DECISIONS

*Modesto City Schools v. Education Audits Appeal Panel, (2004) 123 Cal.App.4th 1365*

*Management Resources: (see next page)*

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*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Elements of Exemplary Independent Study

California Digital Learning Integration and Standards Guidance, April 2021

EDUCATION AUDIT APPEALS PANEL PUBLICATIONS

Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting

WEB SITES

California Consortium for Independent Study: <http://www.ccis.org>

California Department of Education, Independent Study: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/eolis>

Education Audit Appeals Panel: <http://www.eaap.ca.gov>

**INDEPENDENT STUDY****Definitions**

*Live interaction* means interaction between the student and classified or certificated staff, and may include peers, provided for the purpose of maintaining school connectedness, including, but not limited to, wellness checks, progress monitoring, provision of services, and instruction. This interaction may take place in person, or in the form of Internet or telephonic communication. (Education Code 51745.5)

*Student-parent-educator conference* means a meeting involving, at a minimum, all parties who signed the student's written independent study agreement pursuant to Education Code 51747 or the written learning agreement pursuant to Education Code 51749.6. (Education Code 51745.5)

*Synchronous instruction* means classroom-style instruction or designated small group or one-on-one instruction delivered in person, or in the form of Internet or telephonic communications, and involving live two-way communication between the teacher and student. Synchronous instruction shall be provided by the teacher of record for that student pursuant to Education Code 51747.5. (Education Code 51745.5)

**Educational Opportunities**

For the 2021-22 school year, the district shall offer independent study to meet the educational needs of students as specified in Education Code 51745 unless the district has obtained a waiver. The district may offer independent study, as specified in Education Code 51745, by contracting with a county office of education or entering into an interdistrict transfer agreement with another school district pursuant to 46600. (Education Code 51745)

Educational opportunities offered through independent study may include, but are not limited to: (Education Code 51745)

1. Special assignments extending the content of regular courses of instruction  
(*cf. 6143 - Courses of Study*)
2. Individualized study in a particular area of interest or in a subject not currently available in the regular school curriculum
3. Individualized alternative education designed to teach the knowledge and skills of the core curriculum, but not provided as an alternative curriculum
4. Continuing and special study during travel

(*cf. 5112.3 - Student Leave of Absence*)

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5. Volunteer community service activities and leadership opportunities that support and strengthen student achievement
6. Individualized study for a student whose health, as determined by the student's parent/guardian, would be put at risk by in-person instruction

*(cf. 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization)*  
*(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)*  
*(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)*

In addition, when requested by a parent/guardian due to an emergency, ~~vacation~~, or illness, independent study may be used on a short-term basis to ensure that the student is able to maintain academic progress in ~~his/her~~ **the student's** regular classes.

*(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)*

**Equivalency**

The district's independent study option shall be substantially equivalent in quality and quantity to classroom instruction to enable participating students to complete the district's adopted course of study within the customary timeframe. Students in independent study shall have access to the same services and resources that are available to other students in the school and shall have equal rights and privileges. (5 CCR 11700, 11701.5)

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*

~~The district shall not provide independent study students and their parents/guardians with funds or items of value that are not provided for other students and their parents/guardians. (Education Code 46300.6, 51747.3)~~

**Students participating in independent study shall have access to Internet connectivity and devices adequate to participate in the educational program and complete assigned work. (Education Code 51747)**

**The district shall not provide independent study students and their parents/guardians with funds or items of value that are not provided for other students and their parents/guardians. Providing access to Internet connectivity and local educational agency-owned devices adequate to participate in an independent study program and complete assigned work consistent with Education Code 51747, or to participate in an independent study course, as authorized by Education Code 51749.5, shall not be considered funds or other things of value. (Education Code 46300.6, 51747.3)**

## INDEPENDENT STUDY (continued)

### Eligibility for Independent Study

Students are eligible for independent study as authorized in law, and as specified in board policy and administrative regulation.

A student participating in independent study must be a resident of the county or an adjacent county. Full-time independent study shall not be available to students whose district residency status is based on their parent/guardian's employment within district boundaries pursuant to Education Code 48204. (Education Code 46300.2, 51747.3)

*(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)*

~~For~~ An individual with exceptional needs, as defined in Education Code 56026, shall not participate participate in independent study shall be approved only if his/her unless the student's individualized education program specifically provides for that participation. (Education Code 51745)

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

A temporarily disabled student shall not receive individual instruction pursuant to Education Code 48206.3 by means of independent study. (Education Code 51745)

*(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)*

### ~~Master Agreement~~

~~A written agreement shall be developed and implemented for each student participating in independent study for five or more consecutive school days. (Education Code 46300, 51747; 5 CCR 11703)~~

~~The agreement shall include general student data, including the student's name, address, grade level, birth date, school of enrollment, and program placement.~~

~~The independent study agreement for each participating student also shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following: (Education Code 51747; 5 CCR 11700, 11702)~~

- ~~1. The manner, time, frequency, and place for submitting the student's assignments and for reporting his/her progress~~
- ~~2. The objectives and methods of study for the student's work and the methods used to evaluate that work~~
- ~~3. The specific resources, including materials and personnel, that will be made available to the student~~

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4. ~~A statement of the Board's policy detailing the maximum length of time allowed between an assignment and its completion and the number of missed assignments, by grade level and type of program, which will trigger an evaluation of whether the student should be allowed to continue in independent study~~
5. ~~The duration of the independent study agreement, including the beginning and ending dates for the student's participation in independent study under the agreement, with a maximum of three weeks~~
6. ~~A statement of the number of course credits or, for an elementary student, other measures of academic accomplishment appropriate to the agreement, to be earned by the student upon completion~~
7. ~~A statement that independent study is an optional educational alternative in which no student may be required to participate~~
8. ~~In the case of a suspended or expelled student who is referred or assigned to any school, class, or program pursuant to Education Code 48915 or 48917, a statement that instruction may be provided through independent study only if the student is offered the alternative of classroom instruction~~

~~(cf. 5144.1—Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)~~

9. ~~Signatures of the student, the parent/guardian or caregiver of the student if the student is under age 18 years, the certificated employee responsible for the general supervision of independent study, and all persons who have direct responsibility for providing assistance to the student~~

~~The parent/guardian's signature on the agreement shall constitute permission for the student to receive instruction through independent study.~~

**Monitoring Student Progress**

The independent study administrator and/or supervising teacher shall promptly and directly address any failure by the student to meet the terms of the student's written agreement. The following supportive strategies may be used:

1. A letter to the student and/or parent/guardian
2. A meeting between the student and the teacher and/or counselor
3. A meeting between the student and the independent study administrator, including the parent/guardian if appropriate

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4. An increase in the amount of time the student works under direct supervision

When the student has failed to make satisfactory educational progress or missed the number of assignments specified in the written agreement as requiring an evaluation, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct an evaluation to determine whether or not it is in the best interest of the student to remain in independent study. This evaluation may result in termination of the independent study agreement and the student's return to the regular classroom program or other alternative program.

A written record of the findings of any such evaluation shall be treated as a mandatory interim student record which shall be maintained for three years from the date of the evaluation and, if the student transfers to another California public school, the record shall be forwarded to that school. (Education Code 51747)

**Responsibilities of Independent Study Administrator**

The responsibilities of the independent study administrator include, but are not limited to:

1. Recommending certificated staff to be assigned as independent study teachers at the required teacher-student ratios pursuant to Education Code 51745.6 and supervising staff assigned to independent study functions who are not regularly supervised by another administrator
2. Approving or denying the participation of students requesting independent study
3. Facilitating the completion of written independent study agreements
4. Ensuring a smooth transition for students into and out of the independent study mode of instruction
5. Approving all credits earned through independent study
6. Completing or coordinating the preparation of all records and reports required by law, Board policy, or administrative regulation

**Assignment and Responsibilities of Independent Study Teachers**

Each student's independent study shall be coordinated, evaluated, and carried out under the general supervision of a ~~certificated~~ district employee who possesses a valid certification document pursuant to Education Code 44865 or emergency credential pursuant to Education Code 44300, registered as required by law, and who consents to the assignment. (Education Code 44865, 51747.5; 5 CCR 11700)

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The ratio of student average daily attendance for independent study students age 18 years or younger to full-time equivalent certificated employees responsible for independent study shall not exceed the equivalent ratio for all other education programs in the district, unless a new higher or lower ratio for all other educational programs offered is negotiated in a collective bargaining agreement or the district enters into a memorandum of understanding that indicates an existing collective bargaining agreement contains an alternative ratio. (Education Code 51745.6)

The responsibilities of the supervising teacher shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Completing designated portions of the written independent study agreement **and signing the agreement**
2. Supervising and approving coursework and assignments
3. Maintaining records of student assignments showing the date the assignment is given and the date the assignment is due
4. **Maintaining a daily or hourly attendance register and other required documents in accordance with items #3 and #4 in the section on "Records for Audit Purpose" in the accompanying Board policy**
- 4-5. Providing direct instruction and counsel as necessary for individual student success
6. **Regularly meeting with the student to discuss the student's progress**
- 5-7. Determining the time value of assigned work or work products completed and submitted by the student
- 6-8. Assessing student work and assigning grades or other approved measures of achievement
9. **Documenting each student's participation in live interaction and/or synchronous instruction pursuant to Education Code 51747 on each school day for which independent study is provided**

**The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that independent study teachers have access to professional development and support comparable to classroom-based teachers.**

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*



**INDEPENDENT STUDY** (continued)

**Records**

~~The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that records are maintained for audit purposes. These records shall include, but not be limited to: (Education Code 51748; 5 CCR 11703)~~

- ~~1. A copy of the Board policy, administrative regulation, and other procedures related to independent study~~
- ~~2. A listing of the students, by grade level, program, and school, who have participated in independent study, along with the units of the curriculum attempted and completed by students in grades K-8~~
- ~~3. A file of all agreements, with representative samples of each student's work products bearing the supervising teacher's notations indicating that he/she has personally evaluated the work or that he/she has personally reviewed the evaluations made by another certificated teacher~~
- ~~4. As appropriate to the program in which the students are participating, a daily or hourly attendance register that is separate from classroom attendance records, maintained on a current basis as time values of student work products judged by a certificated teacher, and reviewed by the supervising teacher if they are two different persons~~

~~The Superintendent or designee also shall maintain a record of grades and other evaluations issued to each student for independent study assignments.~~

~~The signed, dated agreement, any supplemental agreement, assignment records, work samples, and attendance records may be maintained on file electronically. (Education Code 51747)~~