

## Independent Study Policy

Currently, Kinetic Academy does not offer a “full time” or regular independent study program as part of its curriculum. By nature, Kinetic Academy’s program is meant for students to be in attendance to receive the full educational benefits. Independent study is offered primarily for the educational benefit of the students attending Kinetic Academy as a means to encourage daily engagement in academic work during certain times of unavoidable extended absence.

Any student who is absent one (1) day or more for any reason may request a Contract for Independent Study. Parents and guardians may contact the school office to learn about Independent Study and whether an Independent Study might be appropriate in any given situation. The school administration, in its sole discretion, will determine if the request meets the applicable guidelines for independent study. Independent Study Contracts may only be obtained on a limited, short-term basis.

Independent Study Forms can be requested only by contacting the school office. Parents must make the request and return the completed form at least **seven (7) school days** prior to the planned absence. Independent Study Due dates are noted on the agreement. When due dates are missed, Kinetic will attempt to contact the family to request work. Based on the circumstances, an extension may or may not be given. If work is still not turned in, the Independent Study agreement will be void, and the student will be expected to return to school or may be dropped from enrollment. If the independent study was not completed in full, then partial credit may be given based on the days of work completed. If an Independent Study Contract is requested and granted and not returned by the due date, in full, then future Independent Study requests may not be approved.

A maximum of two Independent Study requests, per student will be considered each academic year. The number of Independent Study days for the year, may not exceed 10 school days per student.

Kinetic Academy is unable to provide Independent Studies within the first two weeks and the last two weeks of any school year. This time of year is dedicated to going over classroom policies and procedures and the teachers are also gathering initial information about students, which can not be sent home or made up.

All Independent Study requests are subject to approval by The Executive Director. Any Independent Study Request outside of these guidelines will only be approved in extraordinary circumstances.