



Independent Study

We encourage families to plan their travels during school breaks to maximize students' opportunities to learn. However, Independent Study is an option for families who cannot avoid an absence during the school year which will affect their student's attendance for 1 or more consecutive days.

What are the BENEFITS of Independent Study?

- Your child receives FULL ATTENDANCE credit for days on Independent Study. They will receive weekly/monthly attendance incentives as if they were present at school.
- Your child has the opportunity to stay up-to-date on the learning they are missing while away.
- **Kinetic receives state FUNDING for students on Independent Study.** Kinetic does NOT receive funds for any other absence.

What does Independent Study look like for my child?

- Your child's teacher will provide classwork assignments for each day your child is absent on Independent Study.
- All work must be turned in by the due date listed on the Independent Study contract to receive credit. ***Due dates will be 2 school days after the last day of independent study.**

How do I request an Independent Study?

- Independent Study must be requested through the office at **least 5 school days prior** to the first day of Independent Study.
- All independent study requests are reviewed and approved by school administration. Students must meet attendance and academic standards. If good attendance and academic standards are not being met, the Independent Study request may be declined.
- All Independent Study contracts are short-term. No more than 15 Independent Study days will be permitted in a school year.
- Students on an IEP may be approved for short-term Independent Study once the IEP team determines the appropriateness of the request. The IEP team must convene within 30 days prior to the requested Independent Study date.

If you have questions regarding Independent Study, please contact your site's main office.