

Elementary School Independent Study Long-Term and Short-Term Family Guide

	Short Term Independent Study (Short-term)	Long Term Independent Study
What is this type of independent study?	This is a temporary/ short-term Independent Study contract that is used by students who may be experiencing symptoms of COVID. It also applies to siblings and close contacts that need to be quarantined. 10 days usual minimum quarantine; (approximately 2 weeks)	This is long-term Independent Study. Students work independently on assignments all day and then meet with the Independent Study teacher daily from 3:00 to 4:00. Attendance is mandatory
Is there a Zoom or Google Meet virtual class?	No, unless a student needs to be quarantined for more than 15 days. A switch to long-term independent study may be made if the student will be out for an extended length of time.	The Independent Study teacher will be responsible for the live instruction and live interaction which will be provided daily from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
Where are the assignments on Google Classroom or packets for the students?	Teachers will post on Google Classroom or provide a packet for students to complete at home.	Teachers work with the assigned independent study teacher in posting assignments and maintaining the Google Classroom. Packets may be provided for TK/K students.
How much time do teachers have to grade assignments?	Teachers generally have 5 academic days. Grading should be completed by the following Monday.	Teachers have 5 academic days. Grading should be completed on the following Monday.
Who grades the student work?	Regular Classroom/Homeroom Teachers. About 5-10 Reading/Language Arts and Math assignments are graded.	Regular Classroom/Homeroom Teachers. About 5-10 Reading/Language Arts and Math assignments are graded.
Do teachers take attendance?	Teachers mark daily attendance. They will code the students with a "G" (independent study) daily. Teachers submit a Google form once a week on Fridays to a designated attendance/office person. This will provide all the information necessary to complete attendance procedures. Independent Study teachers will also take attendance daily.	Teachers mark daily attendance. They will code the students with a "G" (independent study) daily. Classroom teachers submit a Google form once a week on Fridays to a designated attendance/office person. This will provide all the information necessary to complete attendance procedures. Independent Study teachers will also take attendance daily.
Do families sign a learning contract?	Yes	Yes
How do families find out when a student returns to class?	An Email will be sent from the Office or Admin staff	An Email will be sent from the from Office or Admin staff
Can students move back and forth between in-person and independent study contracts?	Short term (quarantined) students will return to in-seat instruction after being medically cleared.	Yes. The district is required to transfer a student to independent learning or in-person learning within 5 days of parent request.
What do the different	These students are coded as a "G" or a "C".	These students are coded as a "G" or a "C".

attendance marks represent?	"G" means they are on independent study, and "C" means that they have completed their work for that week.	"G" means they are on independent study, and "C" means that they have completed their work for that week.
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