



Independent Study Changes

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LEAs Must Offer an Independent Study Option

Using one of three options



The independent study requirement may be waived by the county superintendent of schools, in the county in which the LEA is located, if **both** of the following conditions exist for the LEA:

- Offering independent study creates an unreasonable fiscal burden
- There is no option to contract with a COE or arrange an interdistrict transfer agreement

REQUIREMENTS

Notice of Option

For the 2021-22 school year, LEAs shall notify parents & guardians of their option to enroll in in-person or independent study.

Board Policies

To receive apportionment for students in independent study, specific board policies must be adopted.

Live & Synchronous Instruction

- **K-3:** Daily synchronous for all students.
- **4-8:** Both daily live and weekly synchronous
- **9-12:** Weekly synchronous

Learning Agreements

Written learning agreements must be signed before a student begins an I.S. course. Electronic signatures are allowable.

Documentation

Documentation of live and synchronous instruction is required for each school day that I.S. is provided.

