

# FAIRVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: INDEPENDENT STUDY

ADOPTED: June 20, 1994

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<p>1. Purpose SC 1512 Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.23, 4.24</p> <p>2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.23, 4.24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">118. INDEPENDENT STUDY</p> <p>The Board will consider the approval of a course of independent study for a properly qualified student, as recommended by the Superintendent, in order that such students shall demonstrate achievement of student learning outcomes as a result of participation in independent study and may:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extend the learning experience begun in the classroom.</li> <li>2. Develop judgment and self-reliance in the conduct of their own learning experience.</li> <li>3. Relate the school world to the world of work and learning around and beyond the school.</li> <li>4. Draw upon community resources as well as school resources for their educational program.</li> <li>5. Include a greater variety of learning experiences within their educational program.</li> <li>6. Identify and explore an area of particular interest.</li> <li>7. Set personal learning goals and work, with appropriate staff guidance, toward achieving them.</li> <li>8. Learn to use various research tools.</li> <li>9. Learn to draw sound conclusions from research findings.</li> </ol> <p>The principal and Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment shall approve each course of independent study and may designate the number of credits toward graduation to be awarded upon successful completion of each such course, except</p>
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<p>Pol. 217</p>	<p>study. Course credit will be received when the teacher designates that all contracted work is completed. Independent study will be granted by the principal in exceptional cases only. Credit will count toward graduation and the grade received shall count toward class ranking.</p> <p>All independent study contracts require the approval of the principal. Students shall not be permitted to exceed recommended credits per year to gain advantage in class rankings.</p> <p><u>“Service” Contract</u></p> <p>A student may request to assist in the operations of the school day; e.g., library assistant, lab assistant, or yearbook or newspaper assistant, under the direction of an approved staff member. A written contract agreement shall be completed between the student and the advisor with the approval of the parents/guardians, counselor and principal. Course credit may be earned when the contract is completed. Students may elect to serve the school without electing to receive credit or a grade. Service contract credit shall count toward the required graduation credits. Students’ grades will be pass or fail and shall not count toward class ranking.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1512</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 4.12, 4.23, 4.24</p> <p>Board Policy – 214, 217</p>
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