

Blue Oak School

K-8 WALDORF - METHODIST PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Independent Study

Blue Oak School **may** offer independent study to meet the educational needs of pupils enrolled in the charter school. Independent study is an alternative education designed to teach the knowledge and skills of the core curriculum. Blue Oak School shall provide appropriate existing services and resources to enable pupils to complete their independent study successfully. The following written policies have been adopted by the Charter Council for implementation at the Charter School:

1. For pupils in all grade levels offered by the School, the maximum length of time that may se between the time an assignment is made and the date by which the pupil must completed the assigned work shall be 20 school days.
2. When any pupil fails to complete three (3) assignments during any period of ten (10) school days, the Executive Director or his or her designee shall conduct an evaluation to determine whether it is in the best interests of the pupil to remain in independent study. A written record of the finds of any evaluation conducted pursuant to this policy shall be treated as a mandatory interim pupil record. This record shall be maintained for a period of three (3) years from the date of the evaluation and if the pupil transfers to another California public school, the record shall be forwarded to that school.
3. A current written agreement shall be maintained on file for each independent study pupil, including but not limited to, all of the following:
 - The manner, time, frequency, and place for submitting a pupil's assignments and for reporting his or her progress.
 - The objectives and methods of study for the pupil's work, and the methods utilized to evaluate that work.
 - The specific resources, including materials and personnel, that will be made available to the pupil.
 - A statement of the policies adopted herein regarding the maximum length of time allowed between the assignments and the completion of a pupil's assigned work, and the number of missed assignments allowed prior to an evaluation of whether or not the pupil should be allowed to continue in independent study.

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- The duration of the independent study agreement, including beginning and ending dates for the pupil's participation in independent study under the agreement. No independent study agreement shall be valid for any period longer than one school year.
 - A statement of the measures of academic accomplishment appropriate to the agreement, to be earned by the pupil upon completion.
 - The inclusion of a statement in each independent study agreement that independent study is an optional educational alternative in which no pupil may be required to participate. In the case of a pupil who is referred or assigned to any school, class or program pursuant to Education Code Section 48915 or 48917, the agreement also shall include the statement that instruction may be provided to the pupil through independent study only if the pupil is offered the alternative of classroom instruction.
 - Each written agreement shall be signed, prior to the commencement of independent study, by the pupil, the pupil's parent, legal guardian, or caregiver, the certificated employee who has been designated as having responsibility for the general supervision of independent study, and all persons who have direct responsibility for providing assistance to the pupil. For purposes of this paragraph "caregiver" means a person who has met the requirements of Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 6550) of the Family Code.
4. Blue Oak School shall comply with the Education Code Sections 51745 through 51749.3 and the provisions of the Charter School's Act and the State Board of Education regulations adopted there under.
 5. The Executive Director shall establish regulations to implement these policies in accordance with the law.