



Los Angeles County Office of Education
Educational Programs

NOTICE OF INDEPENDENT STUDIES OPTION PER AB/SB 130

For the 2021-22 school year only, school districts are required to offer students independent study. Under AB 130, a school district must offer independent study for a pupil whose health would be put at risk by in-person instruction, as determined by the parent or guardian. For special education students, participation in independent study continues to be subject to IEP team determination as already provided in the law. LACOE will offer an independent study option through its existing program at Renaissance PAU. It is important to note that students participating in this option will not have the same teacher as the one they were enrolled with while they were in-person.

Independent study enacted under A.B. 130 will require the following:

1. Independent study will now be offered to students whose health would be put at risk by in-person instruction, as determined by the student's parent or guardian.
2. Students who enroll in independent study will be expected to participate in the following:
 - Grades 4-8: Daily live interactions, at least weekly synchronous instruction, and asynchronous instruction as required by the student's teacher or course.
 - Grades 9-12: At least weekly synchronous instruction, and asynchronous instruction as required by the student's teacher or course.
3. A-G courses and any courses required for graduation must be offered and be aligned to grade-level standards.
4. Tiered re-engagement procedures will be implemented for students who are not in attendance for more than three school days or 60% of instructional days in a school week, or who are in violation of their written Master Agreement.
5. The following rights and procedures will apply to students who wish to enroll, disenroll, and reenroll in independent study:
 - a) Parents and guardians have a right to request a pupil-parent-conference, before enrollment in an independent study program.
 - b) An independent study agreement must be signed by the student (or the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is not at least 18 years old), the teacher who will be responsible for the general supervision of the student, and all other persons who will be directly responsible for providing assistance to the student no later than 30 days after the first day of instruction;
 - c) **Participation in independent study is optional and no student is required to participate.**

For more information regarding these procedures or the independent study program available, please contact LACOE Registrar Larry Canter at canter_larry@lacoed.edu. Parents or guardians may select an instructional program that best suits their child's needs. Please let us know if you plan to participate in the independent study option by August 10, 2021. You can inform your school principal or contact LACOE Educational Programs Registrar, Larry Canter at canter_larry@lacoed.edu.