

# Travis Unified Independent Study Program (ISP) – Elementary School

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

**What is Independent Study for elementary school students and how do I apply to enroll?**

Independent Study is an alternative to classroom instruction with a school district’s course of study and is not an alternative curriculum. To apply, fill out the application on the following website: [Travis USD K-6 Independent Study Registration](#). The ISP Elementary Coordinator can be reached at (707) 437-4604 x1223.

**How does Independent Study differ from distance learning?**

Independent Study is taught by a parent / guardian and uses district-approved curriculum. Synchronous instruction with a TUSD teacher will be required for 30 minutes per day, as scheduled by the teacher. The student is expected to work independently and complete all work assigned by the Independent Study Teacher. This work is equivalent to a full school day, for each school day. **Distance Learning is longer being offered.**

**In the Independent Study program, what is the role of the parent/guardian? What is the role of the student?**

<u>Parent/Guardian</u>	<u>Student</u>
Provides instruction using district approved curriculum	Every school day, the child completes all assigned work which represents a full school day
Monitors child’s progress	
Ensures child is attending daily synchronous instruction	Participates in required local and district assessments
Supervises assessments and completion of work	Attends daily synchronous instruction with teachers

**What is the daily requirement to complete work?**

Students must complete the equivalent of work completed in a normal school day.

**What happens if a student does not complete their assignments?**

When a student fails to complete two or more assignments and/or has eleven days of non-engagement in a four week period, the teacher and/or administrator will begin an intervention process to support the student. If the student does not make progress, this process could result in the student being dropped from the program. The parent could appeal this decision to the Placement Review Board (PRB) to further discuss the student’s placement.

**Can a student with an IEP enroll in Independent Study?**

Independent Study is a general education program designed for independent learners. The program does not offer special education services. If your child has an IEP and you would still like to explore ISP as an option, please reach out to the Site Administrator at your child’s current school.

**How are the classes organized?**

For each class, students are expected to independently complete daily assignments based on the school district’s course of study. Your child will be expected to participate in daily synchronous instruction for a minimum of 30 minutes.

**Is ISP right for my child?**

Independent study may not be the right option for every student who is not thriving at a traditional school. Most students are better served in an educational option that is classroom-based and offers differentiated instruction from a certificated teacher. Our in-person schools offer intervention services on-site that provide small-group targeted instruction.

**If I am accepted into Independent Study and want to return to in-person, will I lose my spot at my home school?**

Once enrolled in ISP, no guarantees can be made as to what elementary school your child will return to upon withdrawal.