

Short Term Independent Study Contract Application Agreement



Travis USD – Golden West Middle School



For students with Unavoidable Absences from 5-15 school days

Eligibility:

Academic Requirements:

- Student must have at least 2.0 Grade Point Average and no more than one (1) F as determined by the most recent progress report or quarter grades. Walk around progress reports will NOT be accepted.

Attendance Requirements:

- Student must have no more than 21 periods accumulated (equal to 3 full school days) of unexcused absence including 30mins or more tardy from the first school day of this school year. For more details regarding unexcused absences, please see your student’s planner.

Additional Restrictions and Requirements:

- Short Term Independent Study Contracts (STISCs) will not be issued during any type of State Testing. Please check with GW’s main office for dates as this timeframe will vary from year to year.
- There can only be two (2) contracts issued per school year.
 - If a student fails to complete any part of the school work given or hands in unsatisfactory work for any assignments on the initial STISC, no further STISCs will be granted for the remainder of the current school year.
- All work (STIS Binder) is due on the day the student returns to school to the main office **before** the start of 1st period. **Failure to comply with the above will result in immediate breach of contract and all work will become void for the purpose of the STISC. If this were to happen, you may seek individual arrangements with teachers in an attempt to maintain your grade. Teachers’ policies on making-up work during an unexcused absence vary.** **Parent/Guardian INTIALS:** _____
- If the student does not meet the above eligibility requirements for STISC and you choose to still have your child be absent for that period of time, the absences will be considered to be vacation absences which are “unexcused”, and count towards truancy.
- If there are delays to your student’s returning transportation or if you decide to add days to your trip during the STISC timeframe; those days will be unexcused vacation days and count towards truancy. You cannot add additional days to the original agreed upon timeframe while on Short Term Independent Study. Additional days must be added 5 school days prior to “Start Date” on reverse side.

Agreement: We understand that Independent Study is an optional educational alternative to the classroom when a student is gone 5 to 15 school days. **All assignments are given in advance by the teachers and need to be turned in upon returning to school to the main office (before 1st pd begins on “End Date” on reverse side).** **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Failure to turn in all or part of the assigned work may have adverse effects on the student’s final grades. We have read the terms of this agreement and hereby agree to all the conditions, including those in the assignments.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

*** REVERSE SIDE MUST BE COMPLETED ***