

Tyrone Area School District

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: INDEPENDENT STUDY

ADOPTED:

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<p>1. Purpose SC 1512 Title 22 Sec. 5.222</p> <p>2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 5.222</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">118. INDEPENDENT STUDY</p> <p>The Board approves courses of independent study for properly qualified students, as sanctioned 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"> 1. Extend the learning experience begun in the classroom; 2. Develop judgment and self-reliance in the conduct of their own learning experience; 3. Relate the school world to the world of work and learning around and beyond the school; 4. Draw upon community resources as well as school resources for their educational program; 5. Include a greater variety of learning experiences within their educational program; 6. Identify and explore an area of particular interest; 7. Set personal learning goals and work, with appropriate staff guidance, toward achieving them; 8. Learn to use various research tools; and 9. Learn to draw sound conclusions from research findings. <p>Independent study shall not be offered in lieu of district offered curriculum.</p> <p>Upon administrative recommendation, the Board 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 that the Board reserves the right to assign no credit for such an approved course. Each such course of study must meet the requirements set down in applicable codes and regulations.</p>
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<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The superintendent or his/her designee shall develop procedures for the implementation of independent study which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Counsels students who apply for independent study;2. Develops specified, measurable, instructional objectives for each individually planned course of independent study;3. Assures that each student conducts his/her study under appropriate staff guidance and supervision;4. Monitors the progress of each student;5. Certifies the completion of each course of independent study based upon the original specified objective; and6. Prepares recommendations for Board approval of courses of independent study. <p>Such recommendations shall include the qualifications of the student; the objectives established for the course; a description of the method of study and research to be undertaken; the staff members assigned to advise the project; the manner in which the project will be evaluated; and a proposal for the number of credits to be awarded for the course.</p>
<p>4. Qualifications</p>	<p>The Board directs that only those students shall be admitted to courses of independent study who have demonstrated academic proficiency, maturity of judgment, a strong motivation to learn, and self-reliance.</p> <p>Courses of independent study need not be limited to participation by a single student but may involve more than one or a group of students, subject to Board approval.</p> <p>Students may take a course via independent study if there is a scheduling conflict. Both the teacher and student must agree and the request must be processed through the Guidance Department, and approved by the principal.</p> <p>At no time is a student to be left alone for independent study or assigned to a study hall. The student must take the course in the assigned teacher's room.</p>