



Southern Lehigh School District

INDEPENDENT STUDY PROPOSAL

The student who intends to pursue independent study is responsible for securing a sponsor from the faculty and writing his proposal.

A. The purpose of independent study shall be to:

1. Extend the learning experience begun in the classroom.
2. Develop student's judgment and self-reliance in the conduct of his/her learning experience.
3. Relate the school world to the world of work and learning beyond the school.
4. Draw upon community resources as well as school resources for a student's educational programs.
5. Include a greater variety of learning experiences within the educational program.
6. Identify and explore an area of particular interest.
7. Set personal learning goals and work toward achieving them, with appropriate staff guidance.

This does not preclude a classroom teacher's giving research assignments that are conducted outside of the regularly scheduled classroom to exceptional students; however, such individuals retain their membership in the class and periodically participate with the group.

- B. All proposals for independent study credit must have the approval of the teacher, guidance counselor, principal, superintendent and the school board **before** the project is started.
- C. Projects may be oriented toward scholarly or scientific research, practical and community work, service, study, or a special interest or talent related to the humanities or creative arts.
- D. One-half credit will be the maximum amount allotted for a semester's work.
- E. Research must be completed within the time limit stated in the proposal (which must be within the period that school is in regular session).
- F. The faculty sponsor of the project will evaluate student progress and will determine a final grade or use a pass/fail system.



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INDEPENDENT STUDY PROPOSAL Form

Student Name

Subject

Teacher

Reason(s) for request
of Independent Study
(to be completed by student)

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

Specific Goals and
Methods (to be completed
by student with approval of
teacher)

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