SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: INDEPENDENT STUDY

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118. INDEPENDENT STUDY

1. Purpose

Circumstances sometimes dictate the need to offer planned courses of study on an independent basis. The Superintendent shall delegate such decisions to the building level administration. In the event that a request is made for an independent study experience for subject matter content for which the school does not already have a planned course of study, the request shall be forwarded to the Board.

The purposes 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.
- 8. Provide the option for students to pursue unique opportunities outside of the district.

2. Authority PA Code Title 22 Sec. 4.4

The Board shall approve new planned courses of study and may designate the number of credits toward graduation to be awarded upon successful completion of each course, except that the Board reserves the right to assign no credit for such an approved course. If the board decides the course does not meet requirements to receive credits, any costs incurred are the responsibility of the student.

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	In cases where the independent study is not a new course of study, approval may be given by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
	Each course of independent study must meet the requirements of applicable laws and regulations.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for the implementation of independent study.
PA Code Title 22 Sec. 4.4	