



**Subject:** Independent Study for Seat-Based Programs

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**Approved By:** Board of Directors

**Policy:** 5006.2

The Governing Board authorizes independent study as an optional alternative instructional strategy for students whose needs may be best met through study outside of the regular classroom setting. Independent study shall offer a means of individualizing the educational plan and enabling students to reach curriculum objectives and learning requirements, as necessary to meet student needs.

The minimum period of time for any independent study option shall be five school days.

The Principal shall ensure that a written independent study agreement, as prescribed by law, exists for each participating student (Education Code 51747).

The credentialed Teacher of Record will carefully set the duration of independent study assignments, and establish an appropriate schedule for student-teacher conferences in order to help identify students falling behind in their work or in danger of failing or dropping out of school. Except in unusual circumstances, it is expected that the credentialed Teacher of Record will meet or communicate with each participating student at least once a week to discuss the student's progress.