

INDEPENDENT STUDY INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES
AB/SB 130 and Independent Study
July 2021

Dear families,

We can't wait to welcome all of our students back to school this August! As we've shared, in line with state and public health guidance, our plan is to start the year providing full 5-day per week in-person instruction at every school and grade level, for every student.

We believe that your young scholar will receive a more joyful and academically rigorous school experience by returning to campus this August. Being in-person is the best way to ensure access to live instruction, engagement with teachers, and important interaction with peers.

In alignment with the state of California, in 2021-2022 we will not be offering online classes delivered by our teachers as we did this past school year. This is to enable our teachers, staff, and school administrators to focus on welcoming all of our students back to campus safely. However, in order to ensure that students and families have educational options that best fit their needs, a new state law expands independent study opportunities. To comply with the new mandates, families who choose independent study will be offered seats at programs run by the EUSD's partnering agency, Edgenuity.

Given the state mandates, parents and guardians have the option to enroll their child in in-person instruction or in independent study for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are interested in an independent study option for your student, we would like to invite you to an orientation meeting with our district administration, the school principals and the representatives from Edgenuity. At this orientation we will share detailed information about the independent study program and the expectations for participating students and parents and will answer your questions. The meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, Aug. 4 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Please follow this link to join the meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://emeryusd.zoom.us/j/83861671126?pwd=ZVFUQUJ0Y2Y1RzgrUnROK05pRTRxUT09>

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Conference: Parents and guardians have the right to request a pupil-parent-educator conference to ask questions before making the decision about enrollment or disenrollment in the various options for learning. The conference may be conducted by telephone, videoconference or in-person. If you wish to request a conference for your pupil, please contact your child's principal at the e-mail address below.

Procedures for Enrolling, Disenrolling and Reenrolling in Independent Study: To enroll in independent study for the 2021-2022 school year, there must be an agreement in place for each pupil. The agreement must be signed by the pupil's parent, legal guardian, or caregiver. For pupils with exceptional needs, the pupil's individualized education program (IEP) must specifically provide for independent study before the pupil can begin participating.

If you wish to have your pupil return to in-person instruction during the school year, you may provide notice to the school principal (the contact information provided below), and your pupil will be returned to in-person instruction no later than five instructional days after we receive the notice.

Pupils may re-enroll in independent study at any time during the 2021-2022 school year by providing notice as provided below.

Instructional Time that a Pupil Will Have Access to as Part of Independent Study:

- For transitional kindergarten through 3rd grade, there will be a plan to provide pupils opportunities for daily synchronous instruction.
- For grades 4 through 8, there will be a plan to provide opportunities for both daily live interaction and at least weekly synchronous instruction.
- For grades 9 through 12, there will be a plan to provide opportunities for at least weekly synchronous instruction.

Live interaction means interaction between the pupil and the teacher, aide or other personnel and may include peers; this interaction may be in person, by internet, or phone.

Synchronous instruction means classroom-style instruction, or small group, or one-on-one instruction delivered in-person or by internet or phone and involving two-way communication between the pupil and teacher.

If you have determined that you would like to enroll your child in our Independent Study program after the orientation meeting, please complete this form by clicking here no later than July 30.

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For Spanish click here:

For Arabic, click here:

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