



Equitas Academy Charter School

Independent Study Board Policy

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The Governing Board of Equitas Academy Charter School authorizes independent study as an optional alternative instructional strategy for eligible 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 fulfill school requirements.

A student's participation in independent study shall be voluntary. Students participating in independent study shall have the right, at any time, to enter or return to the regular classroom mode of instruction.

The CEO or designee shall approve independent study for an individual student only upon determining that the student is prepared to meet the school's requirements for independent study and is likely to succeed in independent study as well as or better than he/she would in the regular classroom. The minimum period of time for any independent study option shall be two consecutive school days.

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

The written agreement shall specify the length of time in which each independent study assignment must be completed. Because excessive leniency in the duration of independent study assignments may result in a student falling behind his/her peers, the due date for the completion of independent study assignments shall be no more than



one week. However, when necessary based on the specific circumstances of the student's approved program, the CEO or designee may allow for a longer period of time between the date an assignment is made and when it is due, up to the termination date of the agreement.