

INDEPENDENT ENRICHMENTS

Students often participate in activities outside of the regular IA curriculum that can yield Enrichment credit. Independent Enrichments are programs provided by an outside agency that fulfill the IA Enrichment requirements.

These can include, but are not limited to; course work outside the IA curriculum such as programs offered by local public or private schools, summer programs at universities, student exchange programs, music camps, and study abroad programs. IA students have successfully completed Independent Enrichments at Blue Lake Music Camp, University of Michigan math programs, Youth for Understanding Exchange Program, Michigan Technological University summer photography camp, and Oakland University psychology class, just to name a few examples.

Students must apply for approval at least 30 days in advance of the activity.

Application forms are available from our web site (www.iatoday.org) or from the Enrichment office. Some restrictions considered in the approval include:

- Independent Enrichments may not coincide with normal school hours.
- They must contain at least 20 hours of educational content
- Only three of the required six Enrichments can be Independent.
- Organized sports activities and regular music lessons are not considered an Independent Enrichment.

Once the activity is completed, students will be required to write a two to three page reflective essay about the experience, and present the course work and essay to the Enrichment Coordinator during a private meeting. Credit will be granted subject to the successful completion of all the requirements.

INDEPENDENT ENRICHMENT APPLICATION

WRITE LEGIBLY!

Student's Name: _____ Grad Year: _____

Parent e-mail address: _____ Phone: _____

Student e-mail address: _____

IA Central Campus _____ IA West Campus _____ IA East Campus _____

Sponsoring Organization: _____

Program Dates: _____ Date of Application: _____

****REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR APPLICATION:**

- Describe the program in an attached letter or submit a program publication that gives detailed information on the program, including dates and educational content. Please attach your proof of acceptance to the program, if applicable.

PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS:

- Program dates cannot be concurrent with the school calendar
- A maximum of three Independent Enrichments are allowed
- Program must include a minimum of 20 hours of instruction
- This application must be approved 30 days prior to the scheduled activity

Parent and/or student will be informed of approval or denial within two weeks of application.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENRICHMENT CREDIT:

Students must complete all three requirements, unless a previous arrangement is made with the Enrichment Office

- Daily Journal – briefly describe daily activities (The journal will be returned to you.)
- Written Report: 2 to 3 pages in length, describing your experience and its benefit to you.
- Oral Presentation – To be presented to Enrichment Office staff about your experiences.

TO BE FILLED OUT BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS:

Enrichment Coordinator

Date

PROPOSAL ACCEPTED: _____
