

10 KEY QUESTIONS



During the 2021-22 school year, parents and guardians can choose to have their children return to school for in-person instruction or enroll in distance learning through “independent study.” Here are key questions for you to ask yourselves and your child’s school staff to figure out which learning option is best for your child. You can ask your school for a “pupil-parent-educator conference” during which you can ask these and other questions.

- Will my home school or school district offer independent study, or will it partner with another district to provide that learning option?
- How can I enroll my child in independent study mid-year, if needed? What is the process for my child to re-enroll in in-person instruction during the school year if my situation changes?
- What classes, programs, extracurricular activities and school site services will the district offer to students enrolled in independent study?
- How will enrollment in independent study affect my child’s ability to advance grades and/or graduate?
- How much daily live interaction or daily synchronous learning will my child receive?
- How will the district monitor and support my child’s attendance, academic progress, and social-emotional well-being during independent study?
- What data and records will the district maintain related to my child’s participation in independent study?
- What will the district do if my child is unable to follow their written independent study agreement? What services will they provide?
- For what reasons and how might the district discipline my child during enrollment in independent study?
- If my child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 plan, is houseless, is in foster care, is an English learner, or otherwise needs additional help, which services and accommodations will the district provide to my child during independent study and in what amounts/frequency? Will the district provide any services in person even if my child enrolls in independent study?