

ACOE's Opportunity Academy and Independent Study: Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is Independent Study (IS)?**
 - Independent Study is a non-classroom based instructional model that is substantially equivalent in quality and quantity to classroom instruction. Students who choose independent study work on assignments at their own pace with support from the teacher(s).
- **How often would I have to meet my teacher(s)?**
 - An individualized learning plan will be created with you and your teacher where you will agree to meet the teacher a minimum of 1 hour per week for 1:1 instruction or group instruction. You may elect to meet more days per week. Tutoring sessions may be added to your schedule and are available for 1:1 support or group academic sessions in any content area.
- **How long will it take me to graduate?**
 - The average student can earn 1 credit per week per course. One (1) credit is equal to approximately 15-20 hours depending on student skill level and curriculum assigned.
- **Do I have to attend school every day?**
 - No. Independent Study does not require daily attendance. However, you are required to interact with any assigned work for a minimum of 2.5 hours daily up to 4 hours daily during the days that the school is operating.
- **What if I need additional supports?**
 - Tutoring sessions are available for both 1:1 and group sessions in all content areas. All tutoring sessions are now virtual and the school will resume in person tutoring sessions whenever possible.
- **How many credits do I need to graduate?**
 - You will need a minimum of 130 credits to earn a California issued standard high school diploma.
- **I work and have family obligations. Will the school be flexible with my schedule?**
 - Yes. The school will work with you to design the best learning plan to meet your individual scheduling needs.
- **I don't have a device or connectivity to do my work. Can I get this from the school?**
 - Yes. Once enrolled. A laptop will be loaned to you. You may qualify for a Sprint phone hotspots or we may be able to assist you with getting no cost or low cost Internet services.
- **How do I enroll?**
 - Interested students must complete Civicorps' interest form <https://www.cvcorps.org/join-us/enroll/>. The staff at Civicorps will conduct an intake assessment, after which they will introduce you to Opportunity Academy. The school will request all transcripts and assessments from your previous schools. The credits you have earned will be counted toward the minimum 130 credits needed to earn your high school diploma.