



**Long Term Independent Study Program**  
**(LTIS)**  
**2021-2022**

**Mission:**

Our mission is to provide quality learning for students who are learning independently from a location other than our traditional school campus.

**Why Long Term Independent Study:**

Long Term Independent Study (LTIS) is for students who will learn from home instead of in-person at one of our 10 award winning campuses. Our program provides a measure of flexibility, allowing for the opportunity to adjust learning time around unique commitments and needs that may not be reasonable in a traditional school setting. LTIS learning may not be appropriate for all students. It is designed for students who can learn independently, and who would not miss the social setting of a typical classroom.

**What to Expect from NSD:**

- **Curriculum:** The instructional curriculum and pace is the same as our in person classrooms. Students are issued copies of all District textbooks, and will have access to District technology resources.
- **Learning and Engagement:** A weekly learning agenda is created by your child's teacher, and posted in the digital classroom. Lessons and activities will be a blend of digital, hands-on, and paper/pencil activities. Included in the weekly plan will be at least an average of one hour per day of virtual meeting time, where your child's teacher will meet live, online, with students at your child's grade level at a routine time. The combined time spent online for live instruction with your child's teacher and independently completing assignments in all areas of student learning will be covered in the same time commitment as a typical on campus school day.
- **Collaboration:** Student's will be assigned to a teacher who will be the point of contact for learning. This teacher will be responsible for assignments, checking work in progress, grading, and live teaching sessions. The teacher will be a resource to parents as they support student learning from home.
- **Monitoring:** The LTIS teacher will monitor student assignment completion and assessments. The teacher will communicate with parents about progress and recommend additional learning support as needed. Students will participate in district and state assessments, and receive report cards in the same frequency as students attending school on campus.
- **Special Opportunities:** Students in our independent study program will be offered opportunities in our District music and art programs, science labs, and school library. In addition, students who require additional support services may access those in-person, on-campus.

**What to Expect at Home:**

- This is a home study program. Students are expected to complete school work independently and submit their work on time. Support from parents/guardians will be required.
- Participation in live virtual lessons is mandatory.
- Students are expected to have a distraction free learning space for organizing their school materials and focusing on their school work.

**How to Enroll:**

- Students must first enroll in their neighborhood NSD school. Students from outside the District will need to first obtain an interdistrict permit from their neighborhood district.
- After school site enrollment, please contact our Instructional Services team at (661) 291-4000. A member of our team will meet with you to go over the program agreement form and discuss any questions and needs you have as you consider this option for your child's learning.
- Students may enroll/disenroll at any time during the school year by contacting the Instructional Services department.