

What is Independent Study?

Independent Study is a State certified program for students who are at-risk of not graduating from high school. Students meet weekly with their teacher(s) and then complete assignments on their own time. Most students use the option to make up one or two credits, often while attending high school elsewhere.

Independent Study Philosophy

The Independent Study program is individualized for the at-risk student who has fallen behind in credits and is self-motivated to complete high school graduation requirements.

Independent Study Policies

- Students must meet state-specified Graduation Incentives
- Students must be 16 years old or older.
- Students are required to have a signed counselor confirmation form.
- Students are expected to successfully complete at least five hours of homework per class weekly.
- Students have one year to complete a credit. If the credit is not earned within one year the student would need to start over, resulting in losing accumulated units.
- Students may at times need to spend additional time on-site for coursework.
- Students are expected to attend assigned session(s) weekly.
- Students will be dropped for lack of attendance or for work not completed.
- Students will respect the learning environment at each site.
- Students must follow the site no smoking policy.
- There is no financial cost to qualified students.

Intermediate District 287 is an innovative education partner to 11 metro area public school districts including: Brooklyn Center, Eden Prairie, Edina, Hopkins, Orono, Osseo, Richfield, Robbinsdale, St. Louis Park, Wayzata and Westonka. For more than 40 years, member districts and other education professionals have trusted District 287 to customize unique services for their most challenging students and complex business needs so that all students get the best education possible. Learn more about District 287 at www.district287.org.

Graduation Incentives

A student under the age of 21 must meet one of the following legislative criteria to be eligible to choose a non-traditional education program:

1. Performs substantially below performance level.
2. Is behind in satisfactorily completing course work.
3. Is pregnant or a parent.
4. Has been assessed as chemically dependent.
5. Has been excluded or expelled.
6. Has been referred by a school district for enrollment in an eligible nontraditional program.
7. Has been physically or sexually abused.
8. Has experienced mental health problems.
9. Has been homeless sometime in the last six months.
10. Speaks English as a second language or has limited English proficiency.
11. Has withdrawn from school or has been chronically truant.
12. Is being treated in a hospital in the seven-county metropolitan area for cancer or other life-threatening illnesses or is the sibling of the above scenario and resides at least 60 miles beyond the outside boundary of the seven-county metropolitan area.

Continuous Learning Plan

CLP Goal Areas: What does the student need?

- a. Obtain credits for graduation
- b. Increase Basic Skills

Activities: How will the student meet their goal(s)?

- a. Complete credit through an ALC program
- b. Work Experience
- c. Meet attendance requirements set by the program

Assessments: How and when will the student know they met the goal(s)?

- a. Student progress report complete
- b. Completion letter sent to counseling office

For more information:

Visit our website: www.district287.org/alc
or Contact: Lynda Benkofske at (763) 550-7226 or ljbenkofske@district287.org

Area Learning Center

Independent Study 2017-18

High School credit
opportunities for students
who are at-risk of not
graduating from High School.

*All programs are approved by the
Minnesota Department of
Education*

Intermediate District 287

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Counselor Confirmation Form

Attention Student: Have this form completed by your counselor, signed by a parent, and bring it to the individual site registration.

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Student Email: _____

Parent Email: _____ School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

Resident District #: _____ Graduation Incentives (#1-12): _____

Immunization Records: No Yes, on file

List course(s) and type of credit needed using course title and number of units.

Course Title	# of Units/Membership Hours
Example: American History	85 Units/Membership Hours or 1 Sem Credit

Continuous Learning Plan (CLP) Goals* (Codes on reverse side)

Goal Area 1:	Goal Area 2:
Activities:	Activities:
Assessment:	Assessment:

What is plan if student doesn't meet goal? _____

Is the student receiving special education or 504 services? No Yes If yes, define disability/service: _____

Case Manager's Name: _____

Is the student receiving any ELL services? No Yes

I am aware and acknowledge that the above student needs the listed credit(s) for graduation.

Counselor's Signature: _____

Counselor Email: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Reminder to Counselor: Please fill out the form completely.

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Who Attends Independent Study? Independent Study is an Intermediate District 287 ALC program that serves students who are at-risk of not graduating from high school and who live within the suburban Hennepin County school districts of: Brooklyn Center, Eden Prairie, Edina, Hopkins, Orono, Osseo, Richfield, Robbinsdale, St. Louis Park, Wayzata and Westonka. Students from other Minnesota school districts are welcome to attend Independent Study.

Independent Study Locations

Eden Prairie High School

17185 Valley View Road, Eden Prairie

Contact: Jenny Wagner; (952) 975-4103

Classes Held: Mondays & Thursdays
2:45-4:45 p.m.
11/20/17 - 6/8/18

Classes: Math, English

Northern Star Online (Online Independent Study)

www.northernstaronline.org

Student registration is on-line.

Contact: enrollment@district287.org
or call Sara Haas (763) 550-7117

Classes: Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, Health, Phy Ed, World Languages, Career & Tech, Mentorships, Art, Business & Computers, Independent Living

Hopkins Adult Options in Education

at Hopkins High School

2400 Lindbergh Drive, Hopkins

Contact: Lori Breidenbach/Randee Gurban;
(952) 988-4508

Classes Held: Tuesday & Thursday
3:00-5:00 p.m.
9/5/17 - 6/7/18

Classes: English, Social Studies,
Financial Literacy, General Electives

*Call for information about classes held during
school hours: Monday-Friday*

Richfield High School

7001 Harriet Ave. S., Richfield

Contact: Marie Abele; (612) 798-6289 (voicemail)

Classes Held: Thursdays
3:30-6:00 p.m.
9/21/17 - 5/31/18

Classes: English, Math, Social Studies, Science,
Electives

Mound-Westonka High School

5905 Sunnyfield Road E., Minnetrista

Contact: Todd Munsterteiger; (952) 491-8258

Classes Held: Mondays, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
10/2/17 - 5/14/18

Classes: English, Math, Social Studies, Science,
Work Experience

St. Louis Park High School

6425 W. 33rd St., St. Louis Park

Contact: Chris Weaver; (952) 928-6143

Classes Held: Monday-Thursday; 3:15-5:15
10/9/17 - 5/31/18

Classes: English, Math, Social Studies, Science,
Electives

Call the individual sites for more registration information.

Classes are subject to change.