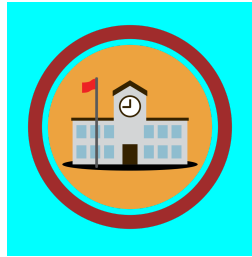


**Independent Study Distance Learning Plan**  
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The state of California has set the following guidelines for distance learning.

*Assembly Bill 77 Sec. 34*

*(b) Distance learning shall include all of the following:*

*(1) Confirmation or provision of connectivity and devices*

*(2) Content aligned to grade level standards*

*(3) Academic and other supports*

*(4) Special education, related services*

*(5) Designated and integrated instruction in English language development*

*(6) Daily live interaction with certificated employees and peers for purposes of instruction*

**"Distance learning"** means instruction in which the pupil and instructor are in different locations and pupils are under the general supervision of a certificated employee of the local educational agency. Distance learning may include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(1) Interaction, instruction, and check-ins between teachers and pupils through the use of a computer or communications technology.

(2) Video or audio instruction in which the primary mode of communication between the pupil and certificated employee is online interaction, instructional television, video, telecourses, or other instruction that relies on computer or communications technology.

(3) The use of print materials incorporating assignments that are the subject of written or oral feedback.

**Definitions:**

\* Synchronous- everyone is online at the same time interacting. Teachers and enrolled students in the course will interact live on either Zoom or Google Meets.

\* Asynchronous- everyone is able to work at their own pace online.

\* Fixed online class- Students are required to log in at a specific time of the school day.

\* Office Hours- Teachers will be available to virtually meet and support students. This is time to ask questions or get help.



**\*\* Ms. Nunes' Office Hours are Monday through Thursday from 1pm to 2 pm. You may email me outside of office hour times, and I will respond during the next office hour period.**



**Students referred to Independent Study have contracts for each semester of being in the program. Contracts are based on California Ed Code and District policy. The Independent Study program is an alternative program, not a credit recovery program. Each student may take up to six classes at a time, and have the option to return to the classroom at any time during the semester.**

Students meet with the credentialed teacher at least one hour each week. In order to complete six classes per semester, students will need to take at least two Cyberhigh Unit tests each week. Tests must be taken with the credentialed teacher during weekly appointment times. Google "hangout" meetings will be used when Unit tests are taken. Each student will receive an email with:

- 1) Weekly appointment time
- 2) Classes for the semester
- 3) Reading requirement to gain access to Unit exams
- 4) Link to access *To Kill a Mockingbird* and information on how this novel will be used this semester

### **Cyberhigh Expectations**

Each class consists of activities, quizzes, and exams. Some classes include labs, projects, or presentations. All of the activities are meant to prepare students for passing the quizzes and unit exam. The number of activities and quizzes vary per unit.

In order for a student to receive credit for their weekly attendance, they must do the following:

- \*complete at least 50% of a Unit's activities
- \*pass all of a Unit's quizzes with at least 65% (including the final quiz)
- \*show up for your weekly appointment and attempt at least one final exam

After attending their regularly scheduled weekly appointment, students may request additional times to meet for assistance and additional Unit exam attempts.

Students may skip past presentations/labs/projects if they choose, and focus on the activities and quizzes; however, the more done for each Unit improves the likelihood of a better score on the final exam. Note-taking is encouraged as any written/typed notes may be used on Unit exams. Phones and/or internet searches may not be used during final exams.

When a student is ready for a final exam, exam approval will be given by the teacher, unless the teacher has made other arrangements for another classroom credentialed teacher to authorize the exam.

If a student fails an exam, they may not retake the exam until they have at least one page of written/typed notes on that unit. There are only two opportunities to take an exam before receiving an "F" for that unit. If an "F" is received on two separate unit exams, the student fails the class.

Students must finish a Unit exam once they start it. If power or internet access is lost, exam progress is saved and students may continue their work once power or internet access is restored. Students should not "log off" of Cyberhigh mid-test, as that would result in the test counting as a "fail".



Looking forward to a great school year!

Yours, Ms. Magret Nunes