

Independent Study and flexible learning environments have become an integral part of education as the space continues to evolve and innovate in response to learning needs, environmental variables, and new educational approaches. John Swett Unified School District has an Independent Study option that offers remote, in person, and hybrid learning.

The program focuses on the individual needs of the student so they can be assured a successful high school experience in a supportive and flexible environment. As defined by the California Department of Education, it is important to note that Independent Study is “an alternative to classroom instruction consistent with a local educational agency’s course of study and is not an alternative curriculum”. That second part is key; Independent Study is not a secondary or simpler path, but an equitable alternative learning option.

Students may enroll in Independent Study to complete graduation requirements and/or retake classes to improve their grades. It is not a credit recovery program, meaning that students are not able to skip course content and receive credit for a failed class by only taking tests.

This is a voluntary program, and students may return to the classroom at any time. Students may utilize the program from the elementary school, middle school, comprehensive high school, or continuation school.

For more information about Independent Study, and enroll in the program, please schedule an appointment with your school.