

**Series 6000 – Instruction**

**1. Elementary and Secondary**

**D. Curriculum**

**(1) Curriculum Design/Development/Revision**

**(d) Independent Study**

Independent study is a plan of instruction which deliberately aims to guide learners in their own independent work. It is a separate phase of instruction tailor-made for the individual student and guided by the teacher in order to build on the student's abilities as an independent learner. The teacher's role shifts from a director of learning to a resource for the learner when independent study is in place.

Independent study maybe undertaken for a variety of reasons including:

1. To broaden and strengthen curriculum content thereby overcoming the usual limitations of the regular school program.
2. To provide students an opportunity to make decisions and to select from a series of options about their activities in school.
3. To place students in a more active role in the learning process.
4. To provide learning experiences tailored to the interests, talents, and needs of individual students.
5. To enable students to develop confidence in their ability to learn, to think imaginatively, and to explore ideas.
6. To develop in students the ability to comprehend, apply, analyze, and synthesize information.
7. To provide students an opportunity to develop responsibility through developing and following a plan of study.
8. To foster in students a continuing interest in learning.

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop regulations for the proper administration of independent studies.