

Is Independent Study Right for Me?

- Can you provide your child with 5 hours or more supervised instruction daily? (3 hours for Kindergarten?)
- Do you have a cooperative working relationship with your child?
- Do you have the enthusiasm for learning?
- Do you feel confident that, with support from our teachers, you can teach all the subject areas in the state curriculum?
- Will you be accountable to see that your child completes and returns weekly assignments?
- Are you willing to meet with the teaching supervisor every week?
- Are you able to provide an appropriate learning environment for your child?
- Would your child benefit from being taught at home?
- Does your child want to be taught at home?
- Do you want to teach your child at home?

If you answer **YES** to these questions, then South Bay Charter's Independent Study Program may be the best option for you and your child. For more information please contact us

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Educational & Social Benefits

- **One-on-one** instruction
- **Support** from highly qualified teachers
- **Personalized** education
- Opportunities to learn individually or in the many group settings offered, such as **Math & Science clubs, and Art & Music clubs**
- Access and opportunity to participate in school sponsored **sports, dances, after school tutoring, and enrichments**
- Access to **cultural experiences** such as Humboldt State University's Center Arts Performances

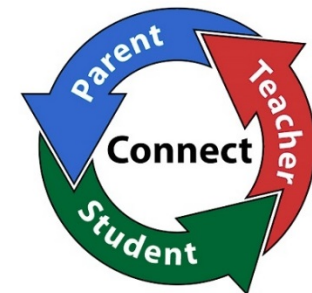
South Bay



Charter School

Independent Study (K-8)

South Bay Charter School opened in 2011 to provide a strong academic program in a smaller, more personalized school setting.



**Supporting Parent Choice &
Providing Student Opportunities**





Independent Study has helped **gifted students** who are not challenged in traditional classrooms and want to accelerate their studies.

Independent Study has helped students who want an **individualized approach** that allows them to delve more deeply into areas of special interest.

Independent Study has helped students who feel **frustrated, bored, disconnected or frightened** in a regular school environment.

It has helped students who face particular challenges such as **health issues, or the necessity of employment**, thus making classroom attendance difficult.



Independent Study Helps the Whole Child

SPIRIT

Independent Study honors the individuality of the student, without excluding the benefits of the school system

Body

The structure of Independent Study can be physically less stressful than conforming to routines that make up a traditional school day, such as sitting for several hours at a desk

Mind

Independent Study students learn at their own pace and are not distracted by classroom problems and peer pressures.

- Independent Study develops the child's or youth's curiosity.
- It avoids the common feeling of some children & youth that they are wasting their time in regular classrooms where learning is slowed by misbehavior, social problems, and other students who learn more slowly.
- Independent Study is good for children & youth who are very bright, self-motivated and yet easily distracted.
- Being in regular programs can be very difficult for gifted students who are eager to learn.
- Independent Study benefits gifted and talented children, as well as students who are behind in their academic learning, due to a variety of regular classroom conditions.
- Independent Study helps students to learn the discipline of time management, self-monitoring and assessment, and promotes the development of independent learning abilities.

Emotions

Independent Study can reduce frustrations, stresses, and feelings of being unmet, unseen and unheard. Independent Study can also reduce the feeling of "overwhelm" and fear that can come from the expectations, work load, peer pressures, and disruptions associated with regular classrooms.

Social

Independent Study avoids problems of peer pressure and distraction; allows for choosing social activities that are most interesting and satisfying to the student.



Independent Study has helped students who feel **frustrated because teaching strategies in the traditional classroom are directed toward the needs of students who are learning at a slower rate**, thus slowing the pace of learning for the whole.

Independent Study has helped students who have had **negative interactions** with classroom teachers or with other students.

Independent Study has helped students who feel the need for **more connection with parents and family**.

Independent Study has helped students who are **suffering from shock, trauma, or a significant loss**.

