



**COLORADO**  
Department of Education

# Independent Study Students

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Created by the Field Analyst Support Team (FAST)

# Definition

- Independent study is a form of education undertaken by an individual student with little to no supervision.

# Funding Eligibility

- Students must meet all enrollment, attendance, and scheduling requirements as of the pupil enrollment count date.
- Students participating in an independent study program can include only the time of actual teacher-pupil instruction and teacher-pupil contact.
- If a student is participating in only independent study courses, then the student is eligible for a maximum of part-time funding only.

# Audit Documentation

- The district should be prepared to provide documentation supporting the number of actual teacher-pupil instruction and teacher-pupil contact hours in the first half of the school year.
- The district should also be prepared to provide a course description, as well as expectations of that student for the independent study class or classes.

# Independent Study Example

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# Questions?

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Thank you!