



MOUNTAIN EMPIRE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Year-Long Short-Term Independent Study: Master Agreement

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ Student Address: _____ IEP: YES | NO

2025-26 Short Term Contract Dates August 13, 2025 - June 12, 2026

***Student attendance at school matters for social connection and academic growth.
We want our students in school every day possible, however we know that
sometimes they are ill, or family emergencies occur.***

By signing this form, your student may complete an Independent Study Contract (ISC) for any absences up to 15 school days this year, including a single school day. *Short Term Independent Study credit will not be given for absences in excess of 15 days in total.*

Conditions of TK-12 Short Term ISC for Student Absences:

According to Mountain Empire Unified School District Board Policy 6158, the Short-Term Contract for Independent Study (ISC) is for a pupil to accommodate travel plans, personal or family needs, illness, or other situations requiring the pupil to be away from school. This Short-Term Independent Study Contract shall not exceed a total of 15 school days within the academic year.

Absences of 1 to 15 Days:

- A Short Term ISC is now available for students who miss 1-15 days.
- The ISC can now be established up to 5 days after the absence, if we have your signature on this form.
- To access the ISC for 1-15 days of absences, please go to your school's website to access the Daily Learning Path (DLP) form or contact your school site.
- This DLP form will be used for each day they are absent and your child will submit this with the make-up work to clear these absences. (Example: 3 days = 3 DLPs)
- All work must be submitted within 5 days of establishing the ISC to receive attendance credit.
- Your child's teacher may have additional or alternate work that will be required for their academic credit as well.

Pre-Planned Absences for Multiple Days:

- We hope that you are able to plan vacation time around school holidays. However, if you know in advance that your student will be out for a day or multiple days' absence, please notify the school office ASAP. This allows the school attendance clerk to collect student assignments in advance.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The major objective for the duration of this agreement is to enable the student to keep current with his/her studies for the period covered by this agreement.
- Mountain Empire Unified School District will provide the state standards-aligned instructional materials and other necessary items and resources as specified for each assignment prior to teacher review.
- Student’s academic progress will be reported and communicated to the student’s parents/guardian using the Google Classroom, Aeries Parent Portal, or Class Dojo.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

I understand that:

- Independent Study is voluntary for students, and is an optional educational alternative in which no pupil may be required to participate. I will always have a classroom option available.
- I am entitled to my grade level specific textbooks and supplies, prepared and reviewed by a certificated teacher.
- I am required to complete and turn in my assigned work within 5 days of my absence to receive credit.
- It is my responsibility to capture and document my work samples and submit them to my teacher.

PARENT/GUARDIAN/CAREGIVER RESPONSIBILITIES:

I understand that the major objective of Independent Study is to provide a voluntary educational alternative for my student(s). No pupil shall be required to participate in Independent Study. I agree to the conditions listed under "Student." I understand that:

- I am responsible for supervising my student while he or she is completing the assigned work and for ensuring the submission of all completed assignments necessary for evaluation.
- I am responsible for helping my child digitally capture work completion and submitting it to the teacher.
- I am liable for the cost of replacement or repair for willfully damaged books and other school property checked out to my student.

AGREEMENT:

We have read this agreement and hereby agree to all the conditions set forth within.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Supervising Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____

SPED Teacher Signature (as applicable): _____ Date: _____