

Hello,

This is a quick note explaining changes to the Big Valley Joint Unified School District's Independent Study Program.

Why were changes needed:

- The previous policy and program are no longer compliant with State Attendance laws.

What is changing:

- All Big Valley Joint Unified School District independent study is now considered Short Term Independent Study per BP/AR 6158.
- A minimum of 48 hours' notice is required to request your student's Independent Study Contract and work.
- The minimum ISP duration is 3 days and the maximum duration is 15 days.
- Students may not exceed 15 total ISP days in total for a year.

What is staying the same?

- All work must be completed and turned in on the first day back in regular attendance following the ISP term.
- Non-completion of ISP will result in unexcused absences and cannot be counted for your student's attendance.
- Please reach out to your student's teachers if you have any questions about assignments.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your site secretaries of your children's school.

Thank you!

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