

**CAMBRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board Policy**

**Policy 6158**

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**INSTRUCTION**

**Independent Study**

The Cambrian School Board recognizes the need for and authorizes the establishment of a ~~Short-term~~ Independent Study program subject to the laws of the State of California and to the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education for circumstances in which students are unable to attend school for a defined period of time.

Independent study refers to a formal independent learning arrangement in which a written agreement exists between a student, the student's parent(s) or legal guardian, a designated supervisor in a school or district, and any other person having direct responsibility for providing instruction.

A student's participation in independent study shall be voluntary. Students participating in independent study shall have the right, at any time, to enter or return to the regular classroom mode of instruction.

**Written Agreements**

The superintendent or designee shall ensure that a written master agreement and, as appropriate, a learning agreement for students participating in ~~course-based~~ independent study exist for each participating student as prescribed by law.

The master agreement shall specify the length of time in which each independent study assignment must be completed. Because excessive leniency in the duration of independent study assignments may result in a student falling behind ~~his/her~~ **their** peers and increase the risk of dropping out of school, independent study assignments shall be no more than one week for all grade levels and types of programs. However, when necessary based on the specific circumstances of the student's approved program, the superintendent or designee may allow for a longer period of time between the date an assignment is made and when it is due, up to the termination date of the agreement.