

**NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY HIGH SCHOOL
New Hope, Pennsylvania 18938**

Independent Study Application

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Date: _____

Directions:

- ✓ Read the Independent Study Guidelines found on Page 6.
- ✓ Discuss your interest in an Independent Study with your parents. Review the application together with your parents.
- ✓ Identify a member of the professional staff who is willing to serve as your advisor. Work with your advisor in completing this application.
- ✓ Respond to the questions or prompts in the space provided (items 1 through 9). If more space is required, use the reverse side or attach a separate sheet of paper.
- ✓ Discuss the details of your proposal with your parents. Please have your parents sign the approval form on page 5.
- ✓ Submit the signed approval form and completed application to your advisor. Your advisor will then present the application to your counselor and principal.

Questions and Prompts: Respond to each item

1. Why are you requesting an Independent Study project?

2. Give a detailed description of your proposed project. Be specific.

3. What do you hope to learn by completing the project?

4. What steps will you take to complete the project? Be specific.

5. List all the persons with whom you plan to work in completing your project and state how each person will help you.

6. When will your project begin and end?

Proposed start date: _____

Proposed end date: _____

7. Will your project require the use of school day time?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If yes, how many periods will you need? _____

8. Proposed Credit Value (to be completed by your advisor): _____

Will this class receive an equivalent to an Honors or Advanced Placement Weight? _____ Yes _____ No If so, _____+4 or _____+6.

9. Preferred Grade Reporting (to be completed in consultation with your advisor):

_____ Numerical (50 - 100)

_____ Pass/Fail

_____ Other (specify)

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Parental Approval for Independent Study

I have read the guidelines for independent study on the reverse side and discussed them with my son/daughter. I understand the requirements and responsibility of this program and support my child's participation in accordance with that understanding.

I understand that while the proposed independent study project has educational value and merit, the District will not be responsible for any related expenses. If applicable, any financial responsibilities will be met by my child or me.

Parent's

Signature:

Date: _____

Parent comments or restrictions:

Approval:

Faculty Advisor: _____ Date: _____

Counselor : _____ Date: _____

Principal: _____ Date: _____

Independent Study Guidelines

Applications for Independent Study are to be completed on the appropriate form and are to be signed by the student's parent(s).

The completed application is to be submitted to the advisor.

The advisor is responsible for presenting the application to the counselor and principal.

The advisor is responsible for establishing a schedule of contacts with the student for the purpose of monitoring progress.

Grade and credit is awarded on the basis of the depth of study and the quality of the completed project. Grade reporting will be either numerical or pass/fail. Grades will be entered by marking period for the length of the project. A final grade will be determined by a simple average of the marking period grades.

Once a commitment is made to an Independent Study, the student must complete the project. If the student withdraws from the project prior to completion, he or she will receive a failing grade (50) or a Withdrew-Failing (WF). Grades reported become part of the student's official academic record and are reported on the front of the transcript.

Requests for fall or full-year Independent Study must be submitted by no later than August 31. Requests for spring Independent Study must be submitted by no later than December 15.

Role Definitions

The role of the student is to plan and execute the Independent Study.

The role of the parent is to approve the student's participation and support the student's effort.

The role of the advisor is to advise, monitor and evaluate the student's work. The advisor will clarify goals, intended outcomes, and evaluative procedures.

The role of the counselor is to code the Independent Study and enter it into the official record.

The role of the principal is to approve the Independent Study application and to review the outcome of the project.