

Rio School District Independent Study Agreement

Name _____ Student # _____

Grade _____ Address _____

Birthdate _____ Primary Contact Phone _____ Primary Contact Phone _____

Duration of Agreement _____

Beginning Date _____ Ending Date _____

Program Needs - Please circle all that apply: IEP / RSP / Speech / 504 / other: _____

*If your child has an individualized educational program (IEP), the IEP must specifically provide for his or her enrollment in independent study prior to enrollment.

Resident School _____

Responsibilities *please initial indicating your understanding

_____ This agreement is in effect for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Upon completion or termination of this agreement you will be placed at a district school based on space and availability in the school or program requested.

_____ The major objective for the duration of this agreement is to enable the student to keep current with grade level studies for the period covered by this agreement. Learning objectives are consistent with and evaluated in the same manner that they would be if my child were enrolled in a traditional school program at his/her current school.

_____ This agreement is to enable the student to successfully reach the objectives and complete the assignments identified by the teacher. With the support of the parent, guardian, or caregiver, the student will submit assignments on or before the due date.

_____ The Rio School District will provide the instructional support services, connectivity devices, instructional materials, and/or other necessary items and resources as specified for each assignment. The Rio School District shall also provide necessary supports for students who are not performing at grade level, or need additional support in other areas, including but not limited to supports for English learners and/or students who receive IEP or 504 plan supports and services.

_____ The Student must obtain a level of satisfactory education progress and not be failing any course of study. When a student has failed to make satisfactory progress a meeting will be held to determine next steps in ensuring academic progress. This may result in termination of the independent study agreement and the students return to the regular in-person classroom program.

Monitoring student progress may include:

1. Notification to the student, parent or guardian
2. A teacher, parent, student conference
3. An increase in the amount of time the student works under direct supervision
4. A meeting with a school or program administrator if appropriate

_____ Independent study is a voluntary optional alternative in which no pupil may be required to participate; an in-person classroom option will always be available to the student. A parent or guardian may submit a written request to be transferred to an in-person program and the district will place the student in at a school with space and availability within five school days. The district will attempt to place students in their resident school and will follow all overflow procedures if space is not available.

_____ The student's work will be evaluated by the Independent Study classroom teacher in accordance with performance expectations set forth by State standards and district criteria. The supervising teacher will communicate and report the student's academic progress on a weekly basis to parents and/or guardians.

_____ The parent agrees that the student will attend school daily (based on the synchronous/asynchronous schedule) and/or report absences to the teacher in accordance with attendance requirements. Parents/guardians may utilize teacher office hours, email and phone calls to clear up any attendance concerns.

_____ The long term (more than 15 days) independent study program shall be coordinated, evaluated, and carried out under the general supervision of a teacher (certificated employee).

_____ Students in the Independent Study Program will have the same rights as other students at their resident school within the Rio School District. Students are entitled to necessary supports if a student is not performing at grade level, or if a student is in need of additional support in other areas, including but not limited to supports for English learners and/or students who receive IEP or 504 plan supports and services.

_____ Students must follow the discipline code and behavior guidelines of the school, in accordance with district policy.

_____ If my child has an individualized educational program (IEP), the IEP must specifically provide for his or her enrollment in independent study. IEP? Yes ___ No ___

_____ I am responsible for supervising my child while he or she is completing the assigned work and for ensuring the submission of all completed assignments necessary for evaluation by dates due.

AGREEMENT: *I have read and understand this agreement and hereby agree to all the conditions set forth within. I understand that independent study is an optional educational alternative for my child that I have voluntarily selected. This Agreement will be maintained as part of the student's education file.*

Parent Signature

Date

Contact Number