

"Working Together, To Build Student Success, In A Caring Place"

NOTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT OPTIONS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Parents and guardians of enrolled pupils have the option to enroll their child in in-person instruction or, when appropriate, short term independent study for the 2021-2022 school year.

Conference

Parents and guardians have the right to request a pupil-parent-educator conference to ask questions before making the decision about enrollment or disenrollment in the various options for learning. The conference may be conducted by telephone, videoconference or in-person. If you wish to request a conference for your pupil, please contact Kelly Bear at the phone number or e-mail address below.

Procedures for Enrolling, Disenrolling and Reenrolling in Independent Study

Hornbrook Elementary School District has received a waiver from the Siskiyou County Office of Education and is **not offering independent study** as an alternative to in-person instruction to enrolled pupils. If you wish to enroll your pupil in an independent study program, you must do so at another school district or charter school.

Short-term independent study will be offered to pupils who are enrolled in the classroom at Hornbrook Elementary School District who temporarily need instruction outside of in-person instruction, including during quarantine and district closure. To enroll in short-term independent study for the 2021-2022 school year, there must be an agreement in place for each pupil and the agreement must be signed by the pupil's parent, legal guardian, or caregiver. For pupils with exceptional needs, the pupil's individualized education program (IEP) must specifically provide for independent study before the pupil can begin participating.

After completion of quarantine or district closure, your pupil will be returned to in-person instruction.

Instructional Time that a Pupil Will Have Access to as Part of Independent Study

Upon beginning the Short-Term Independent Study Program, pupils will be provided with a folder containing five days' worth of assignments. Additional packets will be provided every five days.

Once pupils participate in short-term independent study for 15 or more school days in a school year, the District will then also provide synchronous instruction and live interaction opportunities, tiered reengagement, and a plan to expeditiously return the pupil to classroom instruction, in no case later than five school days, pursuant to subdivisions (d), (e), and (f) of Education Code section 51747.

- For transitional kindergarten through 3rd grade, there will be a plan to provide pupils opportunities for daily synchronous instruction.
- For grades 4 through 8, there will be a plan to provide opportunities for both daily live interaction and at least weekly synchronous instruction.

Live interaction means interaction between the pupil and the teacher, aide, or other personnel and may include peers; this interaction may be in person, by internet, or phone.

Synchronous instruction means classroom-style instruction, or small group, or one-on-one instruction delivered in person, by internet, or phone and involving two-way communication between the pupil and teacher.

If you are interested in independent study for your pupil(s), or wish to schedule a conference with staff, please contact us at the phone number or e-mail address below:

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