

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: INDEPENDENT STUDY

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118. INDEPENDENT STUDY	
1. Purpose Pol. 102	<p>The Superintendent or designee will consider the approval of a course of independent study for a properly qualified student, on the condition that such students shall demonstrate achievement of established academic standards as a result of participation in independent study and may:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Extend the learning experience begun in the classroom.2. Develop judgment and self-reliance in the conduct of their own learning experience.3. Relate the school world to the world of work and learning around and beyond the school.4. Draw upon community resources as well as school resources for their educational program.5. Include a greater variety of learning experiences within their educational program.6. Identify and explore an area of particular interest.7. Set personal learning goals and work, with appropriate staff guidance, toward achieving them.
2. Delegation of Responsibility Title 22 Sec. 4.4	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall approve each course of independent study and may designate the number of credits toward graduation to be awarded upon successful completion of each such course, except that the Board reserves the right to assign no credit for such an approved course. Each such course of study must meet the requirements set down in applicable codes and regulations.</p>

<p>3. Guidelines</p> <p>Pol. 202</p>	<p>All expenses for independent study shall be the responsibility of the parents or guardians.</p> <p><u>Attendance At Community Colleges</u></p> <p>The School District will accept applications from district residents who desire to attend a community college other than Lehigh County Community College in accordance with the following provisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The student's program of studies is not available at Lehigh County Community College.2. The student must comply with residency requirements established by the school district.3. The tuition costs to the school district do not exceed the current tuition rate paid by Lehigh County residents to attend the Lehigh County Community College.4. The student must be enrolled as a full-time student, as defined by the respective community college.5. A maximum quota of five (5) students per year will be approved for attendance at out-of-county community colleges. Each student must be approved by the Board and said approval will be on a first-come first-served basis.6. The length of sponsorship will be limited to four (4) semesters, regardless of the length of the student's program. Also, the student must maintain a grade-point average of C or better to maintain eligibility.7. School district sponsorship is limited to Northampton Area Community College. <p>Further, it is the responsibility of the students to submit to the Superintendent an official transcript of all courses completed at the conclusion of each semester. Failure to do so will result in an automatic revocation of tuition payment by the school district.</p> <p>The Superintendent reserves the right to review this policy on an annual basis with the Board. Any changes to the policy must be approved by a majority of the Board.</p>
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