

## Additional Considerations:

- Independent study is not the same as distance learning.
- For the most part, a student on independent study will learn independently, without teacher instruction.
- There will be significantly less live interaction and synchronous learning [for grades 9-12 change to “no live interaction and significantly less synchronous learning”].
- Related services provided for in your student’s IEP may not be provided as they were through distance learning.
- Again, if your child has an IEP, they may only participate in independent studies if their IEP provides for it and determines that it is FAPE- Free Appropriate Public Education

*If you feel that Independent Study may be an option for your child, contact your IEP team to schedule a meeting.*



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## Why Can't My Child Continue to Participate in Distance Learning during the 2021-2022 School Year?

*What you need to know about Assembly Bill 130 (AB 130)*





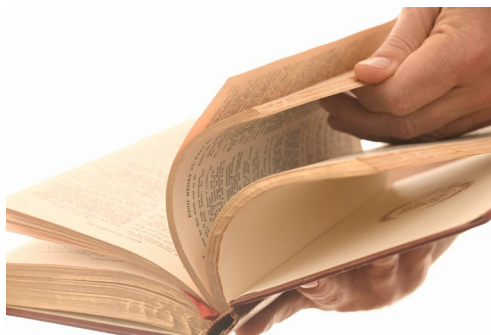
## Distance Learning

Established by Senate Bill (SB) 98 and Senate Bill 820, signed and passed by the Governor in June 2020, became inoperative on **June 30, 2021**.

Districts are *no longer able* to offer distance learning as an option.

## Without distance learning, what option exists if I have concerns regarding my child returning to in-person instruction?

In compliance with AB 130, school districts and county offices of education are required to provide all of their enrolled TK-12 students with an independent study (IS) option for the 2021-2022 school year. However, for students receiving special education, participation in independent study continues to be subject to IEP team determination as already provided in the law.



## Can my child participate in Independent study if they receive special education services?

For the 2021-2022 school year **only**, each school district will offer independent study to include those students whose parents/guardians determine that the student's health is put at risk by in-person instruction. A student with an individualized education program (IEP) may only participate in independent study if their IEP provides for it, and determines that it is FAPE.

Independent study can be a suitable option for some students, but it may not be right for every student. Some students are better served in an educational setting that is classroom-based, offers a smaller learning environment and greater opportunity for direct instruction.