

**PACIFIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
INDEPENDENT STUDY MASTER AGREEMENT for the 2017-18 School Year**

<b>Student name:</b>	<b>Grade level:</b>	<b>Birth date:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Age:</b>	<b>Phone #1:</b>
<b>City:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>	<b>Phone #2:</b>
<b>Location:</b> Pacific Elementary School, 50 Ocean Street, Davenport, CA 95017		
<b>Duration of agreement:</b> 1 school year	<b>Beginning date:</b>	<b>Ending date:</b>

**Objectives, Methods of Study, Methods of Evaluation, and Resources:** We understand that the student is to complete the subjects listed below, and that subject objectives reflect the curriculum adopted by the district's governing board and are consistent with district standards, as outlined in the district's curriculum. The specific objectives, methods of study, methods of evaluation, and resources for each assignment covered by this agreement will be described in the assignment/work records for independent study, which are part of this agreement, and any subsidiary agreements are also part of this agreement. **Subjects:** Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, Special Programs, and the Arts, with the goal of meeting or exceeding California State Standards for the grade level.

**Reporting:** We understand that students are required to report to their teacher(s) as scheduled. Parents, guardians, or caretakers are required to attend these meetings and promptly reschedule any meetings missed due to emergency. Manner of reporting: Meetings (Normally in person. By phone or other technology by special arrangement only.) Frequency: Every 4 to 8 weeks Day & Time: to be determined Place: IS Classroom, Pacific Elementary School

**Assignments:** We understand that according to the district policy for grades kindergarten through six, the maximum length of time allowed between the assignment and the date the assignment is due is 8 weeks. Parents, guardians, or caretakers are responsible for supervising the student while he or she is completing the assigned work and for ensuring the submission of all completed assignments necessary for evaluation. After 3 missed assignments, an evaluation will be made to determine whether independent study is an appropriate strategy for this student.

**Additional Expectations:** We understand that students must follow the rules and standards in the discipline code and behavior guidelines of the Pacific Elementary School. The students will participate in a multi-grade classroom program 3 days per week from 8:40-12:30 for kindergarten and 8:45-3:00 for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. We understand that students must follow the same standards for attendance as other students at Pacific Elementary School. If a student is absent for more than 10% of the classroom days (11 days per year) for any reason, including home schooling, an evaluation will be made to determine whether independent study is an appropriate placement for this student.

**Voluntary Statement:** We understand that independent study is an optional educational alternative that students voluntarily select, including students covered under California *Education Code* sections 48915 and 48917. All students who choose independent study must be offered the alternative of classroom instruction, and they must have the continuing option of returning to the classroom. If the student has an individualized education program (IEP), the IEP must specifically provide for his or her enrollment in Independent Study.

**Quality and Quantity; Rights and Privileges; Resources and Services:** The independent study option is to be substantially equivalent in quality and quantity to classroom instruction supervised by a certificated teacher. Students who choose to engage in independent study are to have equality of rights and privileges with the same access to existing services and resources as students in the regular school program. Parents, guardians, or caretakers are responsible for the cost of replacement or repair for lost, destroyed, or willfully damaged books and other school property checked out to my son or daughter. Parents, guardians, or caretakers are responsible for any needed transportation for the student's classroom attendance, scheduled meetings, and any other travel covered by this agreement.

**Right to Appeal:** Parents, guardians, or caretakers have the right to appeal to the school administrator any decision about the student's placement or school program in accordance with the Pacific School District's procedures.

**Signatures and Dates:** We have read and understand the terms of this agreement, and agree to all the provisions.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervising Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Assisting Person(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Agreements

- I am choosing to be in the Independent Study program. I know that I could be in a regular classroom program, but I've picked Independent Study instead.
- I agree to do all my assigned work, both at school and at home.
- I agree to follow all the school rules, which include being safe, kind, and responsible.
- I agree to come to school to participate in the classroom program supervised by my teacher whenever I am not sick. I know that my participation in class makes a difference to my teachers and classmates.
- I have the same rights, and can use the same textbooks and resources, as other students my grade at Pacific Elementary School.
- I understand that if I do not come to class, do my work, and follow the rules I may not be allowed to continue in Independent Study.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_