

INDEPENDENT STUDY

- I. Independent studies may be offered in the high school programs of the Rapid City Area School District for credit toward graduation. An independent study is a course of study which a student may pursue on an individual basis outside the regular classroom. Independent studies are offered within the human and financial resources of the district to enhance the educational experiences of students. The following guidelines are provided for independent studies.
 - A. Curriculum for selected topics and advanced studies not included in district subject area curriculum must be reviewed and approved by the Instructional Council.
 - B. Independent study is offered at the option of the building administrator.
 - C. The student must have the written approval of the teacher, parent and building administrator.
 - D. Independent study credit may be used to take subject area curriculum adopted by the district when there is a course schedule conflict. Expectations for the quality and quantity of work must be the same as for the regular class including regular meetings held with the teacher.
 - E. The independent study must be facilitated by a properly certified teacher who is employed by the Rapid City Area School District.
 - F. The student must meet district requirements concerning the course of study including goals, objectives, content and competencies as outlined in the course syllabus.
 - G. The student and teacher must agree on interim and completion dates in writing prior to the beginning of the course.
 - H. A maximum of four (4) credits, one per year, earned in this manner may be applied toward graduation.

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