



# Independent Study Program Ponderosa High School

## ISP FAQ's

### Attendance

Twenty academic hours a week is equal to full attendance (P.E. and Work Experience do not count)

Attendance includes attending the weekly standing one-hour ISP appointment with work completed from the previous week's assignment

### Grades and Credits

Ponderosa Registrar will input grades for each grading cycle and at the end of each semester in January and June; there will be four grading cycles.

1. First/Fall Semester – Quarter marks and final grades
2. Second/Spring Semester – Quarter marks and final grades

An ISP student can earn partial credits at the end of a semester, unlike a PHS student at the comprehensive site either full time or concurrently (maximum 2 classes can be taken on campus). Each semester an ISP student is expected to complete five credits in each /course as they would be working towards if a full time PHS student. **Please note** – if a student is completing courses both through ISP and PHS concurrently, for the classes attended at PHS the student can only earn five or zero credits per semester; the minimum passing grade to earn five credits is a D-.

### Courses offered and Post-Secondary Plans

Due to this being an Independent Study Program not all classes can be offered that are offered on campus. It is imperative that your student's post-high school goals/plans are discussed prior to deciding if ISP is right for your student. Classes offered can be discussed with your student's school counselor.

### Diploma and Graduation

An ISP graduate will receive a high school diploma upon completing the EDUHSD Graduation Requirements from Ponderosa High School. The student can participate in all of their senior class activities and the graduation ceremony even if they are not a concurrent PHS student and/or a mid-year or end of junior year early graduate (the participation will coincide with the timing of graduating early). Please see more information in the section below School Activities, Athletics and Dances.

### School Activities, Athletics and Dances



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An ISP student will be provided and expected to have their PHS ISP I.D. card on them at all times. The PHS ISP I.D. allows the student to attend PHS or ISP school related activities and pay the student prices where applicable: dances, athletic events, plays, or any other event related to PHS. The student must purchase their dance or any other event requiring ticket purchase prior to the event within the time frame set by PHS or the event coordinator.

An ISP student can participate in PHS athletic programs pending the student meets the minimum G.P.A. requirement 2.0 or higher, and maintains their academic standing throughout the athletic program they are participating in. An ISP student is required to attend all practices, games, and team related activities that the athletic program requires.