Upper Perkiomen School District

SECTION:	PROGRAMS
TITLE:	INDEPENDENT STUDY
ADOPTED:	12/02/99
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1. Purpose

The Superintendent shall consider the approval of a course of independent study for properly qualified students, on the condition that such students will demonstrate achievement of student learning outcomes as a result of participation in the independent study.

2. Authority

Title 22, Sec. 4.4

The Superintendent shall approve each course of independent study and may designate the number of credits toward graduation to be awarded upon successful completion of each course.

Each course of independent study must meet the requirements in applicable laws and regulations.

3. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for the implementation of study which:

1. Counsel students who apply for independent study.
2. Develop specified, measurable, instructional objectives for each planned course of independent study.
3. Assure that each student conducts his/her study under appropriate staff guidance and supervision.
4. Monitor the progress of each student.
5. Certify the completion of each course of independent study based upon the original specified objectives.

4. Guidelines

Recommendations shall include the qualifications of the student, the objectives established for the course, a description of the method of study and research to be undertaken, the staff members assigned to advise the project, the manner in which the project will be evaluated, and a proposal for the number of credits to be awarded for the course.

The Board directs that only those students shall be admitted to courses of independent study who have demonstrated academic proficiency, maturity of judgment, a strong motivation to learn and self-reliance.

The Board will receive a list of approved and independent study courses annually.