

Independent Study

The Independent Study program at MY Academy is designed to provide students an opportunity to meet middle and high school requirements independently in a non-classroom-based setting.

This learning climate is made possible by enthusiastic teachers who use a curriculum that is aligned to California's academic content standards and targeted to individual learner needs. Instruction at MY Academy is delivered through an Enriched Virtual Model of blended learning, which may include online, offline, and combination assignments.

How it works

MY Academy balances the unique advantages of traditional and virtual classroom approaches. The curriculum is designed to cover the full content in each core subject by the end of each academic year; however, the flexible pacing in our approach enables the student, working with a credentialed teacher, to spend more intensive time and effort in areas of interest or need. This model allows teachers to better address each student's unique style of learning and communication, cultivate independent thought, and offer alternative or supplemental learning options.

Credentialed teachers, along with the school guidance counselor, take each student's unique abilities and interests into consideration while working together to ensure the standards for each course are met and the student is fully prepared for the path of their choosing.

Teachers

MY Academy teachers are fully credentialed by the state of California. Teachers meet with students once per week for a minimum of one hour. These in-person meetings (face-to-face) are held at mutually agreed upon locations in the student's community such as a public library, community center, or recreational center. This enables MY Academy's teachers to monitor and check in on each student's social emotional health as they work to develop meaningful professional relationships with their students. In addition, teachers are available to students synchronously and asynchronously by phone, email, instant message, and in a virtual setting. Teachers grade, give feedback, and support students virtually throughout the week.

Curriculum

MY Academy delivers instruction using a flexible, individualized curriculum for each student that aligns with the student learning outcomes, state and national academic standards, and the college and/or career plans of each student. Students are offered A-G pathways, CTE pathways, and personalized learning courses, preparing them to pursue their college and career goals after graduation.

The MY Academy Difference

MY Academy's model becomes distinguishable from other virtual/homeschool or self-directed learning models in that students benefit from intensive academic support from credentialed teachers in weekly one-on-one in person meetings, a feature lacking in other virtual and independent study settings, which enables our teachers to monitor and check in on each student's social emotional health as they work to develop relationships with their students. The challenge of transportation is reduced because these meetings occur at mutually agreed upon public locations, near a student's home, work, or other commitments.

The MY Academy Result

MY Academy will position its students for success by enabling each one to learn any time, any place, and by deploying flexible learning, teaching, curricular, and staffing models that adapt to the uniqueness inherent in every student and learning situation.

MY Academy will empower students to take ownership of their education and develop not only knowledge, skills, and abilities, but also the confidence, creativity, and resourcefulness to use them creatively in response to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.