



Alternative Education

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PARENT NOTIFICATION LETTER:

Independent Study Program (AB 130)
Retention, grade change and graduation requirements (AB 104)

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

On July 9th, the California Legislature approved two laws, (AB 130 and AB 104), that address an independent study option, student retention, grade change and graduation requirements. Information related to independent study was communicated in a previous letter. This letter contains information related to student retention, high school grade changes and graduation requirements for 2020-21 juniors and seniors.

I. Student retention

Parents may request in writing to set up a consultation with their student's administrator and teacher to review eligibility for retention for the 2021-22 school year. Once the school receives this written request, they must offer a consultation with parent, pupil, administrator and teacher within 30 calendar days. Following the consultation, the school is required to notify the parent of the final determination within 10 calendar days.

II. High school grade changes

For the 2020-21 school year only, a parent, guardian, or student (if 18 years old) may petition their school to change a deficient grade to P/NP on their transcript. Students/parents have 15 calendar days to submit an application after the notification date (July 31st). The school shall not accept applications after that deadline. [Grade change application](#)

III. Graduation requirements for 2020-2021 Junior and Seniors

Requires schools to exempt all students who were juniors or seniors in 2020-21 from their local high school graduation requirements if they were not on track to graduate in 4 years, and to give those students the opportunity for credit recovery or a 5th year to complete state graduation requirements. School staff will be working closely to determine which students may benefit from this option.