



Mountain View  
Whisman  
School District

# Independent Study Program

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# MVWSD Independent Study Program

- The Independent Study Program (ISP) provides home-schooling options to parents.
- The ISP was a part of the Whisman School District prior to the merger of the Mountain View and Whisman School Districts.
- Currently, MVWSD is the only District in the area that offers an ISP.

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- Parents choose ISP option because they are planning to homeschool for only a year or two, or are planning to homeschool only one of their children while keeping the others registered in public school.
- Currently, the MVWSD ISP has 12 students enrolled.
- Out of these 12 students, 4 are siblings.

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- When parents register their students in the ISP, technically the student is still considered in public school.
- Parents serve as teacher's aide as students are assigned a credentialed hourly teacher
- Parents are required to keep the records.
- The curriculum is aligned with the California State Standards and testing is required

# Current State of MVWD Independent Student Programs

- Home School Programs no longer require oversight by school districts.
- Our ISP uses facilities space and requires administration oversight.
- Not aligned to our Strategic Plan 2021
- Home School options have evolved for parents
  - [California HomeSchool Network](#)
  - [California Virtual Academy](#)
  - [The Home School Association of California](#)

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- Costs for 2016-2017
  - Field Trip Costs: \$ 10,571.00
  - Curriculum Costs: \$5,438.00
- Current Costs for 2017-2018: \$4,996.00
- These funds can be used for other initiatives

# Next Steps

- Staff recommends closure of the Independent Study Program effective June 2019
- Inform parents of ISP closure effective June 2019
  - Send information about MVWSD
  - Resources for other homeschool options
- No new participants in the last year