

# Enrollment Options for the 2021-2022 School Year

Tulare Joint Union High School District parents/guardians of all enrolled students have the option of enrolling their child in in-person instruction or independent study during the 2021-2022 school year. Parents/guardians interested in independent study have the right to request a pupil-parent-educator conference to ask questions before making a decision about enrollment or disenrollment in the various options for learning. The conference may be conducted by telephone, Zoom or in-person. If you wish to request a conference please contact your child's counselor. To enroll in independent study for the 2021-2022 school year, there must be an agreement in place for each pupil. The agreement must be signed by the pupil's parent, legal guardian, or caregiver. For pupils with exceptional needs, the pupil's individualized education program (IEP) must specifically provide for independent study before the pupil can begin participating. The District's independent study courses are not equivalent to the distance learning program that was provided during the 2020-2021 school year. Independent study during the 2021-22 school year will primarily be structured as asynchronous instruction where the student is learning on his or her own. All students enrolled in Independent Study will be required to participate in at least one hour of synchronous instruction per week throughout the school year. Synchronous instruction means classroom-style instruction, or small group, or one-on-one instruction delivered in person or by internet or phone and involving two-way communication between the pupil and teacher. A student's participation in independent study shall be voluntary. However, students who fail to make satisfactory academic progress and/or miss 3 assignments may be transferred to the comprehensive site. A transition plan shall be developed for students whose families wish to return to in-person instruction and shall take no more than five instructional days. Pupils may reenroll in independent study at any time during the 2021-2022 school year by providing notice as provided below. TJUHSD also has a charter school which specializes in independent study. Please refer to page 8 for information regarding Sierra Vista Charter School.

If you are interested in independent study for your pupil or pupils, or wish to schedule a conference, please contact your child's counselor at the phone number below:

Tulare Union - 559-686-4761  
Tulare Western - 559-686-8751  
Mission Oak - 559-687-7308

Sierra Vista Charter - 559-687-7384  
Tech Prep/Countryside - 559-687-7400  
Accelerated Charter - 559-687-7303