

Assembly Bill 130 - Independent Study

The State has adopted legislation (AB 130) that requires all public-school districts in California to offer “Independent Study” for any student whose health would be put at risk. WUSD already offers an Independent Study option for students that do not wish to attend in person. To ensure we are prepared for the start of school, if you wish for your student to enroll in the Independent Study program, please contact your child’s school office.

Parents who are considering enrolling their student should contact the school immediately so appropriate staffing decisions can be made.

Note: Students enrolled in the Independent Study Program are eligible for the following:

- Assistance from a Credentialed Teacher
- Academic Guidance Counseling
- Social Emotional Counseling
- Virtual Learning
- Enrichment Courses
- Career and Technical Education
- Educational Materials Provided
- Work at Your Own Pace
- Choice during the day of what you work on and when
- Daily / weekly synchronous instruction & live interaction (per recently passed legislation on IS).
- Meet with Teacher Weekly (or more as needed)
- Credit Recovery

Assembly Bill (AB) 104 - Learning and Credit Recovery

The state of California recently enacted a new law – Assembly Bill (AB) 104 – that will expand learning and credit recovery options for students who may have struggled academically during the pandemic-impacted 2020-2021 school year.

For the WUSD these include:

- A process for students who were enrolled for the 2020-2021 year to request to repeat the last grade
- A process for high school students to change eligible grades to Pass/No Pass
- Exemption from district graduation requirements for students in grades 11 or 12 who are not on track to graduate

Process for Students to Request to Repeat a Grade the 2020-21 School Year

This law provides a process for parents and guardians to request that their child repeat the grade they were enrolled in during the 2020-2021 school year. Parents and guardians of students who were enrolled during the last school year would be eligible to make this request if their student received a D, F, or No Pass grade for at least one-half of their coursework in the

2020- 2021 school year. This request would trigger a personalized consultation with a representative of the district to review and discuss all learning recovery options and supports that the student could access.

How to apply: Parents/Guardians may submit a written request by emailing the Director of Student Services (ssailsbery@willowsunified.org), or calling (530) 934-6609. The district will schedule a consultation within 30 days of receiving the email.

Process for High School Students to Change Grades to Pass/No Pass

AB 104 also provides a process for high school students to request that a letter grade they received in the 2020-2021 school year be changed to a Pass/No Pass grade.

How to apply: Parents/Guardians must complete the California Department of Education (CDE) Application at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/ps/documents/gradechange20form.pdf>.

A list of postsecondary educational institutions that will accept a Pass/No Pass grade, instead of a letter grade has been posted on CDE's website. Families will have until August 13, 2021, to make the request. After this time, requests will no longer be considered. If you have any questions, please email the Director of Student Services (ssailsbery@willowsunified.org), or calling (530) 934-6609. The form may be emailed to the Director of Student Services or dropped off at the District Office on or before August 13, 2021.

Exemption for the 2020-21 Juniors and Seniors of District Graduation Requirements

Finally, the law requires that high school students who were in their third or fourth year of high school during the 2020-2021 school year, and who were not on track to graduate in four years, may be exempt from our district's graduation requirements that exceed statewide requirements. It also requires high schools to provide credit recovery support for these students, including the option to retake courses, or to enroll in a fifth year of high school, to complete state graduation requirements. How to apply: WUSD will contact students eligible for this exemption. You do not need to contact the district or the school sites.