

SD 42 PROCEDURE 8912.1

INDEPENDENT DIRECTED STUDIES

Independent Directed Studies (IDS) is defined as an area of study in an educational program undertaken by a student under the general supervision of a teacher.

IDS provide students who have an interest or passion in a particular subject with the unique opportunity to pursue this subject in greater depth and receive grade 10, 11 or 12 credits towards graduation. IDS are an extension of one or more learning outcomes already identified in an existing course. They must be rigorous and developed through a consultative process involving the student and the teachers with standards designed to maintain a high level of quality in the work undertaken.

1. Assessment and Reporting

- 1.1 Documentation must be kept in the student file that includes the Student Plan approved by the principal, the hours of successful study completed by the student, and the credit(s) awarded.
- 1.2 IDS must be reported on the report cards with the IDS code identifying the Related Ministry developed courses or Board Authorized (BAA) courses.
- 1.3 For reporting and transcript purposes schools must assign all credits received from an IDS a letter grade and percentage.

2. Program Planning and Delivery

- 2.1 A student may study one or more learning outcomes in depth, or study a variety of learning outcomes from a single course.
- 2.2 Students must apply for IDS using an IDS Student Plan approved by the school district.
- 2.3 The IDS Student Plan must be developed by a teacher and a student and approved by the principal.

3. Course Credits

- 3.1 In accordance with Ministry of Education policies, schools may award credits to students who have successfully completed independent work based on a subset of learning outcomes of Grade 10, 11, or 12 Ministry Developed courses or Board Authority Authorized courses.
- 3.2 The number of credits a student earns for IDS will be set out in an IDS Student Plan developed by the student and a teacher, and approved by the principal.
- 3.3 An IDS can be one, two, three, or four credits. IDS can only count toward the 28 elective credits needed to meet graduation requirements. IDS at the grade 12 level can be used to satisfy the minimum number of Grade 12 level credits needed to meet graduation requirements.
- 3.4 IDS credits do not count in the Adult Graduation Program.

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