

Notification of Enrollment Options for the 2021-2022 School Year

Trona Joint Unified School District •

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TJUSD Families/Guardians,

We look forward to welcoming students and staff in-person, five days a week for the 2021-2022 school year, which begins Friday, August 13, 2021.

We want to make you aware that Assembly Bill 130 requires TJUSD to notify parents and guardians of enrolled students that they have the option to enroll their child in in-person instruction or Independent Study (**TJUSD's Independent Study**) for the 2021-2022 school year. We want to ensure that all families are aware of this option.

Conference

Parents and guardians have the right to request a pupil-parent-educator conference to ask questions before making the decision about enrollment or disenrollment in the various options for learning. The conference may be conducted by telephone, videoconference or in-person. ***If you wish to request a conference for your pupil, please contact jtuckness@tjUSD.net or jwolfe@tjUSD.net, preferably by Friday, August 6, 2021.***

Procedures for Enrolling, Disenrolling and Reenrolling in TJUSD Independent Study

To enroll in TJUSD Independent Study Program for the 2021-2022 school year, there must be an agreement in place for each student. The agreement must be signed by the student's parent, legal guardian, or caregiver. For students with exceptional needs, the individualized education program (IEP) or 504 must specifically provide for independent study and/or before the student can begin participating.

If you wish to have your student return to in-person instruction during the school year, you may provide notice to the contact information provided below, and your student will be returned to in-person instruction no later than five instructional days after we receive the notice.

Students may re-enroll in Independent Study at any time during the 2021-2022 school year by providing notice to Jeff Tuckness (contact information below).

Instructional Time that a Pupil Will Have Access to as Part of TJUSD Independent Study Program

- For transitional kindergarten through 3rd grade, there will be a plan to provide students opportunities for daily synchronous instruction.
- For grades 4 through 8, there will be a plan to provide opportunities for both daily live interaction and at least weekly synchronous instruction.
- For grades 9 through 12, there will be a plan to provide opportunities for at least weekly synchronous instruction.
- Live interaction means interaction between the student and the teacher, aide or other personnel and may include peers; this interaction may be in person, by internet or phone.
- Synchronous instruction means classroom-style instruction, or small group, or one-on-one instruction delivered by computer or phone and involving two-way communication between the student and teacher.

If you are interested in the TJUSD Independent Study Program for your pupil or pupils, or wish to schedule a conference with staff, please contact us at the e-mail addresses below:

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