

2022 - 2023
ABL I.S. GRADES 1-6 Model

What It Is: ABL Independent Studies is a program classified by the state of California as a “Primarily Virtual” program. It is a flexible program that is a replacement of the brick and mortar school programs that require students to attend school onsite daily for 6 hours each day. Students enrolled within this program should at the elementary level should have a strong support system at home and be responsible, independent learners for their age group.

Students participating in this Independent Study option will be enrolled in online grade level courses, participate in courses, and complete assignments per their Independent Study contract. This is a traditional independent study program, which relies heavily on home support due to the inability of having the student onsite every day. A larger responsibility is placed on the parent and student. Student attendance is based on their daily participation within the daily live interactions online and/or in-person as well as work that has been completed and turned in by the student. Skills of socialization, collaboration, and practicing fine motor skills will occur during weekly onsite instructional sessions scheduled by the teacher. Other required onsite appointments for student attendance would include assessments and intervention for any student who is struggling academically. Please refer to the elementary information on our school website to see if ABL 1-6 I.S. is a good fit for your son or daughter prior to committing to enrollment.

Elementary School students (grades 1-6) will utilize the online MJUSD board approved curriculum, with teacher instruction and support within a virtual format. Students will be required to follow the daily routine. All students will have access to their assigned grade level MJUSD teacher.

- Students in grades 1-3 will receive daily, live instruction via a virtual platform (such as Zoom or Google Meet) and during weekly/bi-weekly scheduled on site appointments and lab time. Lab time will typically occur on Friday’s for elementary students. .
- Students in grades 4-6 will receive daily, live instruction via a virtual platform (such as Zoom or Google Meet) and during weekly/bi-weekly scheduled on site appointments and lab time. Lab time will typically occur on Friday’s for elementary students.

What It Is Not: Long term Independent studies through ABL is not a program for students who are falling behind or are already behind and struggling. It is not a program designed to catch students up academically at a faster rate than the comprehensive

seat time sites. It is not a program of convenience, rather it is a program that best fits the needs and supports that are in place for that individual learner at the current time. Students are required to follow a daily bell schedule routine, participate daily online, complete daily assignments, assessments, etc. and attend required onsite appointments.