

2022-23 Abraham Lincoln I.S. Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a deadline for enrollment?

Student enrollment will occur once per month by in district referrals from the home sites. Only a specific amount of spots will be made available based on space.

1-6: Before the school year starts or each month with a mandatory student & parent orientation.

7-12: Before the school year starts or each month with a mandatory student & parent orientation.

*Special circumstances may apply for immediate enrollment and will be evaluated case by case. This is highly discouraged in order to maintain continuity, relationships and rigor within the current classrooms.

Students will only be enrolled as space is available.

How do I enroll my student?

Existing MJUSD Students: Student parents should talk to the staff of their home school to be put on the shared referral sheet to ABL I.S. Students must continue to attend and participate in their home school until parents are contacted by Abraham Lincoln Independent Studies during the open enrollment period.

New MJUSD Students (living within MJUSD boundary): New to MJUSD students should enroll into their home school of residence. If ABL I.S. is your school of choice in the end; you must communicate your desire to attend I.S. with your home school staff and get on the shared referral sheet. Again, you must wait until the next open enrollment window to be contacted by ABL for potential enrollment.

Mandatory Enrollment Orientation Meeting: Parent and student must attend the mandatory orientation within the I.S. Office. Explanation of the program, expectations, meeting the assigned teacher, signing of the master agreement

contract and checking out a chromebook will all be done at this time. Failure to attend and sign the master agreement contract will result in no enrollment or service within ABL I.S.

Who will be my child's teacher?

Independent Study teachers are credentialed teachers who are part of the Marysville Joint Unified School District. Teacher names will be shared at the time of enrollment.

Are students able to transfer back and forth between ABL Independent Studies and traditional school?

For the benefit of all students, students and families are highly encouraged to think through their decision and make a commitment that they are willing to live with. If a parent request to transfer is needed, students and families are highly encouraged to transfer at natural breaks in the year (i.e., quarter, trimester, semester, or natural school breaks). It is also encouraged that for students who fail to meet the expectations of their Master Agreement Contract be administratively transferred back to their home school sites at natural breaks as well. There are special circumstances that would require students to return immediately to their home site if they are not engaging or are found to be in violation of their contract.

Is there a possibility that my child can lose their spot within ABL Independent Studies?

Yes, if a student violates the master agreement contract by not meeting the minimum requirements within that contract and showing adequate work completion progress, time spent on their education and/or attending required meeting times they can be administratively transferred back to their home school of residence. This is why the parent and student must attend the mandatory orientation prior to starting our program so everyone understands the expectations and responsibilities within the signed contract.

Will my student still receive a WASC Accredited diploma like MHS, LHS, SLHS, and MCAA?

Yes. Abraham Lincoln Independent Studies is WASC accredited and allows any graduating student to attend any college, military, vocational or certification program.

Is my student able to participate in athletics and/or student activities?

No. ABL is not CIF certified and does not have sports programs. Students cannot be enrolled in Abraham Lincoln Independent Studies and play sports for another MJUSD school. Students are able to play recreational and club/competitive sports outside of our school.

What academic supports are available for my student?

Abraham Lincoln Independent Studies have built in academic supports to meet a range of learning needs. English Language Learners will receive integrated and designated English language support from the assigned teacher and EL Facilitator. Students on an Individualized Educational Plan will receive an added layer of support as indicated within their IEP by their assigned caseload manager that is in addition to the general education teacher.

Students will be placed in their grade-level appropriate courses and assessed within their coursework to identify which supports may be appropriate to them. If needed, students can meet with their MJUSD teacher to receive additional practice and/or receive additional practice to master standards. Course content can also be differentiated to meet the learning needs of students. There are opportunities for advancement as well as reteaching as necessary. Students who are struggling or are not showing adequate progress will be assigned mandatory lab time within the school's onsite computer lab for re-engagement and support. This is in addition to the required weekly/bi-weekly in person check in with the teacher. Failure to attend coupled with lack of progress could result in the child violating their master agreement contract and losing their spot within ABL I.S.

What social-emotional and/or counseling supports are available for my student?

Students in ABL also have the opportunity to have social/emotional counseling support from our guidance counselor, school psychologist, or [Wellness Together](#)'s mental health specialists. Please reach out to our office for additional information (530) 740-6489.

If my child has an Individual Education Plan (IEPs), will independent study meet their needs?

Placement decisions in independent study for students with IEPs (Individualized Education Plans) will be made on an individual basis through the IEP process. Every student who has an IEP must have a transition IEP to ensure that ABL I.S. is an appropriate fit for the student based on the requirements of the program and supports that can be provided.

If my child is an English Learner, will independent study meet their needs?

ABL Independent Studies can be an option for English Learners. The traditional school Student Study Team or determining staff will make a referral if they feel that ABL meets their language support needs and/or any reasonable accommodations. We do have a full time EL Facilitator to support bilingual students and parents.

If my child needs a variety of Advanced Placement (AP), Career Technical Education (CTE), and A-G course options, will independent study meet their needs?

AP, Career Technical Education (CTE), and A-G aligned courses will be offered through our Edmentum online curriculum. Edmentum courses meet University of California A-G, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Clearinghouse, and CollegeBoard accreditation and standards. In addition, students can take dual enrollment courses at Yuba College for free while being enrolled with Abraham Lincoln Independent Studies. All college courses must be earned and approved by the guidance counselor.

Will we sign a contract?

Parents/guardians and students will sign an Independent Study Master Agreement Contract at the Abraham Lincoln Independent Studies site detailing the expectations of this online learning environment. Requirements in this contract will be reviewed at the ABL informational enrollment orientation. All students are placed on a 30 day interim placement to ensure that it is a good fit and that all expectations within the agreement are being met. If it is determined at the end of that 30 days that the agreement has not been fully met, re-engagement strategies will be attempted. If a student has not done anything they will be transferred back to their school of residence.

Students will be given a chromebook at the time of enrollment after the contract has been signed and educational services will begin. The assigned credentialed teacher will review the daily routine, expectations, and method of contact if intervention or support is needed. No attendance at the orientation and signed contract = No enrollment or service within our program.

How will my child be graded?

Grading of independent study assignments and assessments of end-of-course knowledge and understanding of the subject matter shall be consistent with district policy on grading for equivalent courses. Attendance will be based on percentage of work completion.