



# San Joaquin High School Independent Study Transfer



**San Joaquin High School Mission Statement**  
 The mission of San Joaquin High School is for students, staff, parents, and community to form an educational partnership dedicated to fostering positive self-esteem in students. Ultimately, this mission builds individual responsibility, enhances students' mastery of a core of knowledge and skills, builds continuity between school and real world experiences, and assures the completion of high school and the awarding of a diploma.

In 1981 the Irvine Unified School District created an Independent Study Program and was renamed San Joaquin High School in 1988. It was designed primarily for students who are working 20 or more hours per week and are unable to attend school during regular hours. Independent Study is not like Creekside High School where students attend school following a traditional day schedule (8:00AM – 1:15PM). **San Joaquin High School** is an optional, alternative school and classroom instructional setting assuming a student has maturity, personal discipline, and independence. Students are required to study 20+ hours on his/her own, including at least one hour of classroom instruction weekly. The amount of on-site, school class work may vary according to student needs as determined by the teacher. San Joaquin High School is open to anyone who wishes to earn a high school diploma. If the student is under eighteen, their current high school counselor must make the referral and attend an orientation conference with his/her parents. A final decision regarding enrollment at San Joaquin High School will be made after the initial meeting. Some exceptions are made (i.e., medical, professional athletes/actors, etc.) and must be pre-approved.

**SAN JOAQUIN HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Meets student needs/ability levels while satisfying California and IUSD requirements for high school graduation
- ✓ Program flexibility allows students with extenuating circumstances or work conflicts to complete high school
- ✓ Students meet weekly and receive 20 hours of academic work required to complete by the following meeting
- ✓ Oral and written assessments given each meeting
- ✓ Physical education course credits available
- ✓ Students required to earn additional credits in off-site activities (i.e., work experience, Coastline Regional Occupational Program (CROP), community college courses, internships, etc.) while completing academic course credits at SJHS
- ✓ The City-As-A-School option provides internship experience
- ✓ Academic and career counseling available
- ✓ **Commitment to Expected School Learning Results and the highest standards for Powerful Teaching & Learning**

The ESLRs are built upon:

**BASIC SKILLS** (Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Speaking, and Listening) & **BEYOND BASICS** (Application, Thinking, and Problem-Solving)

ESLR	Evidence Shows
<b>Our graduates will be prepared to be:</b>	<b>Our graduates will have the ability to:</b>
<b>EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Read for retention and understanding</li> <li>✓ Organize and sequence ideas in written expression</li> <li>✓ Communicate orally and artistically</li> <li>✓ Listen actively and reflectively</li> <li>✓ Convey thoughts and feelings through a variety of media</li> </ul>
<b>STRATEGIC THINKERS &amp; PROBLEM-SOLVERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Understand and interpret local, national, and international events in a global perspective</li> <li>✓ Use a variety of problem-solving strategies</li> <li>✓ Brainstorm, organize data, make decisions, solve problems and utilize the scientific method to formulate conclusion in both the cognitive and affective learning domains</li> <li>✓ Use a variety of estimation techniques (mental math)</li> <li>✓ Accurately utilize numbers as a consumer in such skills as budgeting, banking, purchasing, and income taxes</li> </ul>
<b>SELF-DIRECTED INDIVIDUALS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Access career planning information</li> <li>✓ Increase vocational and job preparation awareness</li> <li>✓ Identify personal strengths and abilities and apply them to successful career and employment opportunities</li> </ul>
<b>RESPONSIBLE CONTRIBUTORS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Identify and express personal feelings appropriately</li> <li>✓ Resolve conflicts productively and peacefully</li> <li>✓ Contribute responsibly to the community</li> <li>✓ Demonstrate ethical thinking, decision-making, and problem-solving</li> </ul>
<b>INFORMED CITIZENS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Successfully complete all courses leading to high school graduation</li> <li>✓ Exhibit core knowledge acquisition through a variety of exit performance assessment/exhibitions</li> </ul>
<b>TECHNOLOGICALLY LITERATE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Access and use technology strategically and appropriately</li> <li>✓ Gain, integrate, and apply knowledge</li> </ul>

Independent Study is not an easier way to earn credits or a quick way to graduate. Independent Study is an alternative to classroom instruction, **not an alternative curriculum**. Independent Study requires a high degree of personal responsibility. Students who do not meet the school expectations will be withdrawn and referred to Creekside High School or other placement.

**If You Have Further Questions, Please Call (949) 936-7440.**