

REGULATION #8912.1

INDEPENDENT DIRECTED STUDIES

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

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 report cards with the IDS code identifying the related Ministry or Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses.

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 Independent Directed Studies (IDS) Student Plan approved by the district.

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 that student and a teacher, and approved by a principal.
- 3.3. An IDS course can be one, two, three or four credits. IDS courses can only count toward the 28 elective credits needed to meet graduation requirements. IDS courses 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 courses do not count in the Adult Graduation Program.

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