



FOCUS ON ACHIEVEMENT:

How Distance Education Helps Your District and Students Stand Out

Leading as a superintendent in today's public education arena is a difficult job. Superintendents facing the new realities of the public education system are dealing with greater demands for accountability, budget control and advancing technology. One way superintendents around the country are finding a way to help student achievement while maintaining financial responsibility is through distance education.

Revenue and Expenditure Limitations

Superintendents understand more than anyone the need for fiscal responsibility under increasingly tighter budgets. Distance education can help hold the line on costs while expanding curricular offerings and student choice. By offering one course or several for one student or several through distance education, your district is able to offer courses based on student needs without significant investments in staff or resources. The Independent Study High School employs certificated teachers who handle all grading and feedback responsibilities and the average course price is \$250 including all materials.

Closing the Achievement Gap

If your district is focusing on closing the achievement gap, consider adding courses to your master schedule using distance education. By offering courses currently not available, including Advanced Placement® courses, your district can expand the choices available to students so that all students have an equal opportunity. This is particularly important for those districts wishing to offer more upper-level and Advanced Placement® courses for minority students. ISHS courses offer your district the flexibility to enroll in courses at any time of the year. Your district can have students work on ISHS courses at school or at home – the choice is yours.

Increasingly Diverse and Complex Students and Families

For districts dealing with transient populations, parents pushing children to excel in school, impoverished families, or any other complex student and family situation, distance education can also help. By offering students and their families the choice to make up credit or work ahead by using ISHS self-paced courses, your district provides more opportunity for students with complex lives outside of school.

Choice

Today's parents are informed about the many educational choices they have for their students. They are also savvy consumers of public education. Therefore it is essential that your district is able to provide educational solutions for parents based on student need. ISHS courses allow you to work in conjunction with parents to provide choice in curricular offerings. The ISHS offers more than 100 courses, even Advanced Placement®, that allow students to excel in an environment and pace comfortable for them. Whether your students wish to work ahead, take a course not offered in your district, learn more about a subject in which they are interested, prepare for college, the ISHS can help you meet these needs.

Increases in Student Enrollment

As districts deal with increasing student enrollment under increasingly tighter resources, many have turned to distance education to ensure students receive a high quality educational experience. Transfer students can make up credit at any time of the year using ISHS courses. A teacher shortage due to rapid expansion can be alleviated through ISHS courses which are taught by certificated teachers. The flexible nature of the ISHS program allows your district to scale up or down your distance education program at any time throughout the year based on your need, all the while ensuring that students can take the courses they need to be successful beyond high school.

The Independent Study High School

- Offers more than 100 courses in 15 subjects, including Advanced Placement®
- Online and print-based courses
- Credit that transfers easily
- Nationally accredited; certificated teachers
- Open, year-round enrollment
- More than 75 years of offering distance education courses to students around the world



COURSES LIST:

All courses are offered in a print-based format with many courses also available online. A complete course list is below. For the most up-to-date information regarding course titles, course materials and costs, please visit highschool.unl.edu.

*Courses available online are noted with an *.*

Career Education

Personal Keyboarding
Consumer Education and Economics
Beginning Accounting 1*
Beginning Accounting 2*
Business Law
Personal Finance and Economic Practices*
Economics*
Introduction to Human Relations
Career Planning*
Everyday Etiquette*
Introduction to Nutrition
Business and Consumer Mathematics 1
Business and Consumer Mathematics 2
Study Skills*

Computer Education/Technology

Introduction to Technology*
AP[®] Computer Science AB 1* (online only)
AP[®] Computer Science AB 2* (online only)

Driver Education

Introduction to Driving*

English Language Arts

Basic Grammar*
Intermediate Grammar*
Effective Reader Skills*
American Literature Studies 1*
American Literature Studies 2*
Multicultural Literature*
Short Stories*
Basic Expository Writing*
Ninth Grade English 1*
Ninth Grade English 2*
Tenth Grade English 1*
Tenth Grade English 2*
Eleventh Grade English 1*
Eleventh Grade English 2*
Twelfth Grade English 1*
Twelfth Grade English 2*

Effective Speech Communication
Research: Process and Presentation
AP[®] English Literature and Composition 1*
AP[®] English Literature and Composition 2*

Mathematics

Basic Mathematics 1
Basic Mathematics 2
General Mathematics 1*
General Mathematics 2
Business and Consumer Mathematics 1
Business and Consumer Mathematics 2
Pre-Algebra 1*
Pre-Algebra 2*
First Year Algebra 1*
First Year Algebra 2*
Geometry 1*
Geometry 2*
Advanced Algebra 1*
Advanced Algebra 2*
Precalculus 1: Analytic Geometry and Algebra*
Precalculus 2: Trigonometry*
Statistics*

Natural Sciences

Health Science 1*
Health Science 2*
Physical and Earth Sciences 1*
Physical and Earth Sciences 2*
Biology 1*
Biology 2*
Chemistry 1*
Chemistry 2*
Physics 1*
Physics 2*

Personal Health

Health Science 1*
Health Science 2*
Health & Wellness*

Social Studies

Sociology*
Psychology*
Ethnic Studies and Human Relations*
World Geography 1*
World Geography 2*
World History 1*
World History 2*
American History 1*
American History 2*
American Government: Theories, Policies and Politics*
American Government: National Level*
World Cultures*
AP[®] U.S. History 1*
AP[®] U.S. History 2*

Visual and Performing Art

Principles of Art
Elements of Drawing*
Modern Photography*
Appreciating Art*
Beginning Piano 1
Beginning Piano 2
Discovering Music*
Music Theory

World Languages

First Year French*
Second Year French*
Third Year French
Fourth Year French
First Year Latin*
Second Year Latin
First Year Spanish*
Second Year Spanish*
Third Year Spanish
Fourth Year Spanish

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