

**2023-2024**  
**MISD Independent Study**  
**Student & Parent Agreement**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student I.D. Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Independent Study Topic \_\_\_\_\_

Independent Study Cooperating Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student:**

I am aware of the requirements for the MISD GT Independent Study. I agree to full participation. I understand that written materials I submit may not be returned to me, so I should keep copies of everything submitted. I also understand that my independent study may be used for future training; if so, every effort will be made to disguise my identity.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian:**

I am aware of the requirements for the MISD GT Independent Study. I approve of my child's participation. I understand that written materials my child submits may not be returned, so he/she should keep copies of everything submitted. I also understand that my child's independent study may be used for future training; if so, every effort will be made to disguise his/her identity.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to your campus GT Specialist or Cooperating Teacher by \_\_\_\_\_

\*GT Identified students are required to participate in the GT Independent Study as part of the MISD GT Program Services.

**Texas State Plan for the Gifted: Compliance Requirements**

*State Law 19 TAC §89.3(2): Curriculum and Instruction: SS4. A continuum of learning experiences is provided that leads to the development of advanced-level products and/or performances such as those provided through the Texas Performance Standards Independent study (TPSP).*

*State Law 19 TAC §89.3(2): Curriculum and Instruction: SS5. Participation in the Texas Performance Standards Independent study (TPSP), or other experiences that result in the development of sophisticated products and/or performances that are targeted to an audience outside the classroom, is available through gifted/talented curricula.*



Dear Parent/Student,

I am happy to inform you that your child has a wonderful opportunity to investigate and research an area/topic of personal interest as part of the Gifted and Talented Program here in MISD! This opportunity is a chance for GT students to learn more about a topic outside the confines of curriculum requirements.

The overarching goal of independent study is for GT students to engage with content at their readiness levels, to allow for choice in an area of long-term interest and to create student accountability for their own learning.

MISD Independent Study Requirements:

1. Independent Study Topic selection
  - a. Students will get a list of choices and have an opportunity to select a topic of personal interest
    - i. The topic choices come from the Texas Performance Standard Independent Study put out by TEA for advanced students, or from the Envision Program, which is designed for students not sufficiently challenged by grade-level curriculum. (Both of which include a Pursuit of Passion option.)
2. Students will complete the Student Agreement
3. Students will put forth their best effort at all times
4. Students will produce a quality level product and/or performance as a result of what is learned through the independent study research process.
5. The independent study product and/or performance development will happen during the school day. Students can always continue the learning process on their own time, if desired.