



Dear Excel Academy Eagles,

Happy Tuesday! I want to share with you another myth out there circulating about our school. Please read and continue to support our movement *It takes us all to keep soaring!*

**Myth:** Independent study students are not supervised by credentialed teachers.

**fact:** According to the California Department of Education, “independent study students work independently, according to a written agreement and under the general supervision of a credentialed teacher or teachers. While independent study students follow the district-adopted curriculum and meet the district graduation requirements, independent study offers flexibility to meet individual student needs, interests, and styles of learning.”

Excel Academy is in full compliance with independent study law, and ensure that all enrolled students are assigned to and supervised by a credentialed teacher.

**Support** Excel Academy by collaborating with your teacher of record on daily progress outlined in pacing guides for each core subject.

**Document** *All* the incredible ways you are meeting state and grade- level standards every day. Accountability and compliance will dictate funding and whether our charter receives renewal.

**Remember** our model thrives on flexibility, but this has *NEVER* replaced accountability to meet state and grade-level standards.

**Visit** Parent Resources: Grade Level Standards on our website linked [here](#).



Sincerely,  
Heidi Gasca  
Executive Director

