

Private Lesson Independent Study Contract

The Envision Conservatory Program (Envision) in no way mandates students to take private lessons, but in recognition of their value to student success, we hope to make private lessons easier to balance within the conservatory time constraints. Participation in private lessons is voluntary and is not a requirement for academic credit or involvement in this or any other program offered by The San Dieguito Union High School District (SDUHSD), or Canyon Crest Academy (CCA). Participation in private lessons is not applicable toward official school attendance. Neither SDUHSD, CCA, nor Envision are responsible for any associated costs of voluntary lessons. Envision Conservatory students may receive time credit towards their Envision Instrumental and Vocal Conservatory commitment by following the guidelines below. Students not in compliance with the following guidelines will not receive time credit for their work. Lesson logs may be audited for accuracy. Students who do not turn in a completed contract will not receive credit for private lessons.

- Private lessons are defined as one-on-one focused and specialized instruction between the private teacher and student. No group lessons or ensemble work will count towards this private lesson time. Private lessons are the only Independent Study time allowances available.
- Private teachers must be professional musicians/educators, verifiable through resume and reference checks if necessary. Private instructors will provide such documentation with the ISPML contract.
- Students may earn as much credit as their lesson duration with a maximum of two hours per week for all private lessons—sorry, we cannot allow for travel time, or more than 2 hours of lessons a week. Example; a 45 minute private lesson would count for 45 minutes of conservatory time.
- Students must take lessons on their primary instrument (including voice) to get credit on any secondary instrument with the exception of piano lessons which would be acceptable as the sole private lesson. Vocal Conservatory students may only receive credit for voice and piano.
- Private lessons should function in support of the regular Conservatory curriculum—Private teachers are encouraged to contact Conservatory Program Coordinators and work in concert with them.
- Private teachers and parents will verify a student’s weekly lesson time with accuracy and honesty. Students will complete reflections included on each lesson log.
- Students may not substitute a lesson for a “mandatory conservatory attendance day”. Those dates will be posted with as much advanced notice as possible.
- Students switching private teachers mid year need to complete a new contract with the new information
- Students/parents will contract directly with the private instructor of their choice and shall be responsible for any associated costs. Private instruction occurring off-campus will not be organized or supervised by SDUHSD staff, nor are private instructors considered agents of SDUHSD/CCA/Envision.

- While school may establish certain requirements in implementing this program, SDUHSD and its schools are not responsible for the quality of conditions of instruction conducted off school premises in the Envision Conservatory Independent Study Program.

We, the undersigned, acknowledge that the instruction we are independently contracting for with a private party of our choice is voluntary, not a requirement of any CCA or Envision program, and is not organized or supervised by San Dieguito Union High School District, its Board of Trustees, officers, employees or agents. We acknowledge and willingly assume all risks and hazards of potential injury, death, or property loss which may arise out of participation in this Independent Study Program, including during transportation to or from any such program. In consideration for San Dieguito Union High School District allowing the below-named student to participate in this Envision Conservatory Independent Study Program, we, the student's parents/guardians, voluntarily agree to release, waive, discharge, and hold harmless San Dieguito Union High School District, its Board of Trustees, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all claims of liability arising out of their negligence, or any other act or omission which causes the student illness, injury, death and damages of any nature in any way connected with the student's participation in this program.

We, the undersigned, have read and will honor the Independent Study guidelines above, and understand that any deviation from these guidelines may discount my independent study credit.

Student Name: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian Name: _____

Guardian Signature : _____ Date: _____

Private Teacher Name: _____

Primary Instrument for lesson: _____

Private Teacher Signature : _____ Date: _____

Families are encouraged to copy this form for their records. This form must be completed and returned before any credit hours can be given.