In response to AB 130, which was passed on July 9th, FCUSD is again notifying parents and guardians of enrolled FCUSD pupils that they have the option to enroll their child in in-person instruction or independent study for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY ENROLLED YOUR CHILD IN WALNUTWOOD OR THE INNOVATIONS ACADEMY, NO FURTHER ACTION ON YOUR PART IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME. IF YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED IN INDEPENDENT STUDY FOR YOUR STUDENT(S), NO FURTHER ACTION ON YOUR PART IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.**

Conference

Parents and guardians have the right to request a pupil-parent-educator conference to ask questions before making the decision about enrollment or dis-enrollment in the various options for learning. The conference may be conducted by telephone, videoconference, or in-person. If you wish to request a conference for your pupil, please contact Kim Walker or Annie Conover at the phone number or email address provided below. If you are considering independent study, please let us know by July 30th so that we have accurate enrollment numbers when making class assignments and while planning for the new school year.

Procedures for Enrolling, Disenrolling, and Reenrolling in Independent Study

To enroll in independent study for the 2021 - 2022 school year, there must be an agreement in place for each pupil. The agreement must be signed by the pupil's parent, legal guardian, or caregiver. For pupils with exceptional needs, the pupil's individualized education program (IEP) team, at their current school site, must specifically provide for Independent Study before the pupil can begin participating.

If your pupil is enrolled in Independent Study, and you wish to have your pupil return to in-person instruction during the school year, you may provide notice to the contact information provided below, and your pupil will be returned to in-person instruction no later than five instructional days after we receive the notice.

Pupils may re-enroll in independent study at any time during the 2021-2022 school year by providing notice as provided below.

**Instructional Time that a Pupil Will Have Access to as Part of Independent Study**

For transitional kindergarten through 3rd grade (Innovations Academy), there will be a plan to provide pupils opportunities for daily synchronous instruction.
For grades 4 through 8 (Innovations Academy), there will be a plan to provide opportunities for both daily live interaction and at least weekly synchronous instruction.

For grades 9 through 12 (Innovations Academy & Walnutwood High School), there will be a plan to provide opportunities for at least weekly synchronous instruction.

Live interaction means interaction between the pupil and the teacher, aide or other personnel and may include peers; this interaction may be in person, by internet or phone.

Synchronous instruction means classroom-style instruction, or small group, or one-on-one instruction delivered in person or by internet or phone and involving two-way communication between the pupil and teacher.

If you are interested in independent study for your pupil or pupils or wish to schedule a conference with staff, please contact us at the phone number or e-mail address below:

**Innovations Academy K - 12**
Kimberly Walker, Principal
Phone: 916.294.2445
KWalker@fcusd.org
https://www.fcusd.org/IA

**Walnutwood High School 9 - 12**
Annie Conover, Principal
Phone: 916.294.9105
AConover@fcusd.org
https://www.fcusd.org/whs

**Folsom Cordova Community Charter School K - 8**
Kristina Richardson
Phone: 916.294.9190
kvrichardson@fcusd.org
https://www.fcusd.org/charter

* While not an Independent Study Program, the Folsom Cordova Community Charter School is another option parents can consider for their students.