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Dear Independent Study Academy Parents/Guardians and Students:

On behalf of the entire Venture Academy Family of Schools Independent Study staff, we welcome all returning students and all new students and families. This is a wonderful program where students can participate in academic, athletic, artistic and extracurricular opportunities, volunteer, collaborate with others, explore dreams, fulfill goals, and maximize their potential.

### Orientation

Current & New Students: Please check the website, [www.ventureindependentstudy.weebly.com](http://www.ventureindependentstudy.weebly.com) on or before 8/1/23, to schedule a check-in appointment with your teacher of record (TOR). If you do not know who your TOR is, please contact 209-227-2290.

### Independent Study Info

Independent Study students are expected to:

- Attend all appointments set by your TOR (virtual/in-person)
- Complete assignments by the due dates established by your TOR (minimum of 5 credits per month)
- Attend a weekly virtual or in-person session
- Attend all mandatory testing in person throughout the school year

Independent Study teachers will:

- Personalize your learning to meet your educational needs and goals
- Track and monitor your progress in earning credits and completing work
- Provide additional academic support as needed

### Chromebooks and /or Hot Spots

All students will be required to use a school-issued Chromebook. Venture Academy provides Chromebooks for all students to use to complete their schoolwork. We also have hot spots we can provide for students who do not



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have internet access. Your TOR will ensure you have a Chromebook checked out to you.

### Independent Study Website

<https://ventureindependentstudy.weebly.com/>

## Independent Study Writing Prompt Due 8/4/23

Turn in this assignment to your teacher by email or in-person.

Choose one of the prompts below and respond by writing a short essay. Your essay must include an opening paragraph, at least three supporting paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph.

#### **Writing Prompt Options (choose one):**

1. Why did you choose Independent Study?
2. **Autobiography** - An autobiographical essay is a short account of some aspect of the writer's life. It may include a brief description of the writer's experiences, hobbies, interests, and some memorable events. Another term for an autobiographical essay is narrative essay.
3. **Play Passionately** – Pick something you are passionate about, then use it as inspiration for a short essay.



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