



City of Angels

The Los Angeles Unified City of Angels School has an Online Independent Study Program

available for families who request an online program for the 2021-22 school year. Students will receive daily live online instruction for part of the day and will complete weekly independent work when they are not learning directly with a teacher. When a student enrolls in the Online Independent Study Program, City of Angels will become their new school until the parent or legal guardian requests the student returns to in-person instruction.

SAMPLE | Day in the life of a City of Angels Online Independent Study Program scholar in Elementary School:

Time	Activity	Notes
8:00 am - 11:00 am	Live instruction through Zoom	May be whole class or small group
11:00 am - 3:00 pm	After live instruction, families create their own schedule for students to complete assignments in Schoology and/or Edgenuity, and/or other instructional materials.	Assigned work is grade-level specific and standards-aligned Students may contact their teacher during this time for individualized support Students will individually check in with their teacher, once a week, during this time

SAMPLE | Day in the life of a City of Angels Online Independent Study Program scholar in Middle and High School:

Time	Activity	Notes
8:00 am - 11:30 am	Live instruction through Zoom	May be whole class or small group
11:30 am - 3:00 pm	After live instruction, families create their own schedule for students to complete assignments in Schoology and/or Edgenuity, and/or other instructional materials.	Assigned work is grade-level specific and standards-aligned Students may contact their teacher during this time for individualized support Students will individually check in with their teacher, once a week, during this time

OUR PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS



Students will independently complete between 20-30 hours of assignments per week.



The Master Agreement and subsidiary agreements explain the expectations for the program. The Master Agreement is required to be completed and signed in order to participate in Independent Study

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Assignments may take longer than the school day of 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM to complete. Students are expected to work evenings and weekends, as necessary.

Plan Ahead: Lead Conversations with your Child About Program Expectations

As you prepare to select this instructional program for your student, sit down with your student and discuss if they are prepared and committed to complete the online instruction and independent assignments through the independent study program at City of Angels.

Engage with a Teacher

Students will learn synchronously, which means they will engage with a teacher for a segment of the day (three hours for elementary students and three periods with secondary students).

Work Independently

In addition to the synchronous learning time, students will work independently for 20-30 hours per week, possibly including weekends, in order to complete required assignments.

Complete Assignments

Independent study program requires the student to complete the assignments in order to receive a grade.



Conversation Questions for the Family

Make time to speak as a family and dialogue about this independent study option. This program requires a commitment from students and the family, so make sure it is a fit for the student learning needs. If student health and safety is a factor of concern, consider making time to speak with your current school site administrators about the safety practices in place for your child.

- After reviewing information about the program, ask your student if the independent study program at City of Angels would meet their unique learning needs.
- Ask your student if they will be able to work independently and pace themselves to complete assignments during the weekday and even on the weekend, if necessary.
- Ask your student if they feel confident they can complete the daily hours of online learning with the teacher as well as the 20-30 hours of weekly independent work.
- Ask yourself, as a parent/guardian, if you will be able to **support your child at home by monitoring assignment completion** throughout the school year.

What is the enrollment process like for the Online Independent Study Program?

Enrollment Steps: Learn, Inform, Connect, Engage!

Step 1 | LEARN about the Independent Study Program expectations for students and families.

- Watch the program video available online with information about the Independent Study program:
<https://bit.ly/cityofangelsvideo>
- Visit <http://achieve.lausd.net/onlinelearning> to review other resources

Step 2 | INFORM Los Angeles Unified about your interest to participate in City of Angels

- Contact your child's current school
- For students with an IEP, please request an IEP team meeting with your child's school of enrollment to discuss placement.

Step 3 | We know you are excited to CONNECT with us.

- View the webinars by visiting <https://achieve.lausd.net/onlinelearning>.
- A teacher will connect with each family, to discuss the Master Agreement and address questions about the Online Independent Study Program.
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Step 4 | After meeting with your child's teacher, write down the contact information for your teacher, including email. Stay ENGAGED, informed and communicate your needs and ask questions.

- Your course will appear on Schoology after the registration process is completed.



Los Angeles Unified is offering families the opportunity to request weekly meal boxes. To request a weekly meal box visit <https://achieve.lausd.net/cafela> and click on the City of Angels Online Independent Study Program link.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q Can you describe the process families will follow to complete the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process and how exactly will services be provided?

A Special education students will complete an IEP meeting at their current school of attendance before enrolling in the Online Independent Study Program to review each child's unique needs. An IEP team meeting must be held to determine whether City of Angels is an appropriate placement. Students who are new to Los Angeles Unified must go to their school of attendance for an IEP meeting to determine whether the Online Independent Study Program is an appropriate fit based on the child's needs.

The IEP team will also discuss the related services during the IEP meeting. Services may be provided in person or online, as determined by the IEP team.

Q Will students receive English language development instruction while enrolled in City of Angels?

A When the child's teacher meets with the student and parent to discuss the Master Agreement, it will outline the student's ELD schedule, assignments and expectations. Each student will receive a personalized plan which provides specific information and supports for EL.

Q Are City of Angels teachers credentialed educators and do they meet State of California requirements?

A Yes. All of the teaching staff meet California teaching requirements

Q Can students go back to their current school if the family changes their mind about the Online Independent Study Program?

A Yes, students who enroll in the Online Independent Study Program through City of Angels will keep their spot at the current school of attendance for their eventual return in-person. This includes all specialized schools and programs at Los Angeles Unified. Students who leave Los Angeles Unified, such as those transitioning to a private school, independent charter, or other non-District school, are not eligible to retain their spot at their current school of attendance and will only have return rights to their assigned school based on residence although the school of attendance can allow the student to return if space is available. Eligible students are to get their COVID-19 vaccination prior to returning to the school campus.

Q Will LAUSD provide students with technology to engage in the City of Angels program?

A Students who have a device/hotspot from their current school will be able to keep using the same devices at home. Students who need a new device/hotspot can request a device through the website <http://device.lausd.net>.

Q Who is required to get the COVID-19 vaccine?

A All students enrolled on a school campus and who are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination are required to be vaccinated, excluding those with approved medical exemptions or who qualify for conditional admissions. Students enrolled in the Online Independent Study Program are not required to get a COVID-19 vaccination.

Q Is Los Angeles Unified offering meals for City of Angels students enrolled in the Online Independent Study Program?

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Online Independent Study Program

Parents who are interested in the Independent Study option should contact the Virtual Academy in their Local District

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Local District East

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Virtual Academy 3

Local District Northeast

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Virtual Academy 6

Local District West

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