

Paideia Independent Study Guidelines & Information

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ELIGIBILITY

- Paideia Independent study is an option for students in good academic standing in grades 9-12.
- **Students who receive a Late Notice in any class during the fall semester are NOT eligible.**
 - Teachers make final decisions about Late Notices based on student work up through Friday 12/2. This requirement may be waived by administration due to extenuating circumstances.
- Paideia independent study projects must be prearranged and approved by the Paideia Independent Study Review Board (Academic Program Directors, Arts Program Director, High School School Counselor).
- For the 2016-2017 school year, completed forms (including **all** signatures) are due no later than November 14, 2016.
- Final decisions will be announced on Thursday December 8th via student PVPA email.
- Students who are not approved will participate in the general Paideia registration process beginning on December 16th.

PLANNING

- All independent study projects occur off-site.
 - It is not possible to supervise students at PVPA when they are doing independent projects.
- Paideia independent study goals outline new learning for the student.
- Paideia independent study projects must be **taught and/or advised** by a Project Supervisor who is a qualified adult facilitator. The Project Supervisor must complete regular check-ins with the student during Paideia.
 - The Project Supervisor can not be a family member.
 - If this person has not had a prior connection with the school in this capacity, we may conduct a telephone interview or request a resume to assess qualifications.
- If a student is planning on traveling outside of western MA for their Paideia Independent Study, the Review Board must have documentation of a clear set curriculum or agenda from the organization which is facilitating the program within the travel.
- All Paideia Independent Studies are required to produce an “end-product”.
 - This could be a performance, artwork, portfolio, journal, photo album, slide show, presentation, or anything else that makes sense for your project.
 - Please describe your “end-product” plans in the application.

CREDIT

- Students submit a 1-2 page, typed personal reflection about the project as part of the evaluation.
 - This is due to the Jeanne Powers no later than February 3, 2016.
- The Paideia Independent Study Project Supervisor is responsible to complete a final narrative evaluation and recommend credit for the independent study work.

- o The student is responsible to arrange for this written feedback. This is due to Jeanne Powers no later than February 3, 2016.

PVPA 2016 Paideia Independent Study Contract

Due Monday, November 14, 2016

*If you need an extension, you **MUST** make arrangements with the Jeanne Powers prior to this date.*

Step 1: See the Jeanne Powers if you have any questions whether your proposal will meet the guidelines.

Step 2: Complete the information below:

Project Title: _____

Student Info: _____

Name e-mail address

Parent/Guardian: _____

(if under 18) Name e-mail address

Project Supervisor: _____

Name e-mail address

Step 3: Attach a typed, one-page description of your project, which includes the following:

- Goals (Learning Targets/Objectives)
- Content (What are you going to do?)
- Methodology (How are you going to do it?)
- Product (performance, artwork, journal, photo album, slide show, presentation, etc.)
- If you are traveling outside of western MA, please submit a clear set curriculum or agenda from the organization which is facilitating the program within the travel.

Step 4: Obtain these required signatures:

Student Date Parent/Guardian (if student is under 18) Date

Project Supervisor Date Associate Director of Academic Programs Date

Step 5: Do your project. Paideia is January 9-26, 2016. You will get an emailed copy of this contract for reference. All independent study projects occur off-site.

Step 6: Write a 1-2 page, typed personal reflection about your project at the end. **This is due no later than February 3, 2016 to the Jeanne Powers.** You may email it or put a copy in the Jeanne's mailbox in the main office. THIS IS REQUIRED TO EARN CREDIT.

Step 7: Share your Paideia end product with your supervisor (if this hasn't already occurred), and ask this person to write a paragraph that assesses your progress on each goal outlined above. **This is due no later than February 3, 2016 to the Jeanne Powers.** Project supervisors may email Jeanne directly. THIS IS REQUIRED TO EARN CREDIT.