

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 131
Neighborhood Schools and Enrollment Options

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: August 27, 2021

To: Principals, Vice Principals, Counselors, and Site Enrollment Staff

Subject: ENROLLMENT IN IHIGH VIRTUAL ACADEMY FOR 2021-22

Department and/or Persons Concerned: Principals, Vice Principals, Counselors, Registrars, Enrollment Staff

Due Date: Immediate

Reference: AB 130; Independent Study Notice Pertaining to Assembly Bill 130 and Alternative Schools and Programs of Choice; EC Section 51747

Action Requested: Review with staff and community as needed; implement return enrollment procedures as outlined

Brief Explanation:

On July 13, 2021, the Board of Education approved the establishment of iHigh Virtual Academy, a K-12 virtual learning independent study school.

The iHigh Virtual Academy is an enrollment option for pupils whose parents do not wish for them to participate in onsite, in-person learning, due to health concerns. Information regarding the program and to view video is available at [iHigh Independent Study & Virtual Academy](#). Families who have questions about the iHigh Virtual Academy can email virtualacademy@sandi.net or call (619) 764-5440. Parents may also complete the [Virtual Academy Interest Fall 2021 form](#).

A district-wide survey was conducted in May 2020, and the parents of approximately 1300 pupils indicated an interest in the program. Administration for iHigh Virtual Academy contacted all parents to confirm enrollment. A database of confirmed enrollees developed, and families continue to seek enrollment in the new program.

An enrollment deadline of August 20, 2021, was shared with parents and sites, and it is anticipated that due to COVID-19, there may be ongoing enrollment throughout the school year.

Families that contacted iHigh Virtual Academy after August 20, 2021, may experience a delay in having their enrollment processed by the start of the new school year, and should be directed to enroll in their school of origin. Parents may wish to request an Independent Study Contract for

the interim. An Independent Study Contract can only be requested for a maximum of 15 school days and does not require daily live instruction.

Many parents indicated that they opted for iHigh Virtual Academy but wish to return to the school of origin (resident school or school of Choice) following their children's immunizations for COVID-19. Any student may be re-enrolled in the school of residence at any time during the school year within 5 days of the parent's request to return to onsite instruction. Students who were continuing in a school of Choice or who were accepted in the 2021-22 lottery and whose parents indicated they wished to enroll, may also be re-enrolled in the school of Choice at any time within 5 days of a parent request to return to onsite instruction. Students whose parents declined an offer of Choice for 2021-22 do not have rights to return.

In coordination with Neighborhood Schools and Enrollment Options, the iHigh Virtual Academy staff will maintain a database of enrolled students, including the identification of the school of origin. Principals will be provided with the list of students previously enrolled at their site so that they can anticipate and plan for possible return enrollment.

When a pupil returns to the school of origin, the process for enrollment remains the same. Questions concerning this circular should be directed to the Neighborhood Schools and Enrollment Options Office at (619) 260-2410.

APPROVED:

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