



## INDEPENDENT STUDY

**Target:** Current Keisho students that cannot come regularly to class but want to maintain a strong connection to Keisho.

**Education Goals:** The independent study student will work with an adviser (teacher or Core member) to design education goals for the year as well as a final product. The form of the final product is flexible, depending on the schedule and interests of the independent study student. Options include: a reflective essay; a piece of art or music; a PowerPoint presentation; a video; a case study about a Keisho student that the independent study student helped; or a portfolio of the his/her homework assignments.

**Duties:** Determined by the education goals.

**Number of hours:** 30 per year (3 hours per month) to be completed at an agreed-upon time with cooperating teachers.

**Location:** At Keisho during regular class hours.

**Accountability:** The independent study student will sign an agreement with the Curriculum Coordinator clarifying expectations (including that the he/she speak only Japanese at Keisho), communication procedures, and his/her education goals. If the independent study student does not fulfill the agreement or cannot complete his/her hours, the independent study student can be dismissed/resign following a brief meeting with the student and parent or upon written notice from the parent.

**Application:** The applicant must complete the application, write a brief essay in Japanese, and have an interview with the Curriculum Coordinator and teachers.

**Language requirement:** The Curriculum Coordinator and teachers will evaluate the independent study student's language ability during a trial period and choose the program best suited to his/her abilities.

**Tuition:** A flat fee, in one installment, based a prorated amount for 30 hours. The tuition does not vary although the actual hours put in by the independent study student may be more or less than 30 hours.



