

American School®

High School Credits *by* **INDEPENDENT STUDY**

through Distance Education Courses



A Service For Schools
to supplement day and evening programs



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WE CAN HELP YOU...

- ✓ **Provide Credit Recovery**
- ✓ **Provide Challenging Courses for the More Advanced Student**
- ✓ **Provide Summer School Opportunities**
- ✓ **Serve the Home-Bound Student**
- ✓ **Provide for Students Who Have to Travel in This Country or Abroad**
- ✓ **Offer High-Interest Subjects for the Potential Drop-Out**
- ✓ **Provide Adult High School Completion Programs**

The minimum time for completion is 5 weeks per course consecutively; the maximum time is 1 year (renewal possible). Local school deadlines must be met within these guidelines.

October, 2011

A COMPLETE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

The Independent Study program is popular with schools because it provides a practical answer to perennial problems, yet does so without encroaching upon valuable teacher time.

Perhaps you have a student who needs a credit or two to stay with his or her class and graduate. Now he or she can make up these credits through distance education while continuing with his daily schedule of classes. This is just one of the many ways Independent Study may be used to advantage.

FULL SERVICE INSTRUCTION

The logistics of the Independent Study plan are entirely the responsibility of the American School. We furnish instructional service, standard textbooks, study guides, and other educational materials (all included in the price of the course). The instructional service includes consultation as needed with personalized grading by qualified teachers.

From the time of enrollment until the student's course grade is certified, little is required of the local school staff except to supply a proctor for the end-of-course examination which is furnished and graded by American School.

The American School provides an online Counselor Office on our website to make the guidance counselor's job easier in monitoring the academic progress of his or her students. Password protected, the Counselor's Office allows a counselor to retrieve the academic records or receive a weekly student activity report via email of his or her students. The counselor, as well as the student, can download Help Sheets and Homework Websites and can participate in any of the American School Chat Rooms.

COURSES ARE I

Credit Recovery: The student who has failed a subject can make it up during the school year or during summer vacation.

The More Advanced Student: The accelerated student can take subjects like Latin, Physics and Algebra 2.

The Potential Drop-out: The potential drop-out may be motivated if he/she can take a subject that meets his/her particular interests and needs.

Summer School: In school districts where summer school is not offered, students can make up credits by means of distance education study during June, July, and August.

A student may visit www.AmericanSchool.org for C



Course Help Sheets

All Subjects

Hints on Studying and Essay Writing
One Exam at a Time
SQOR Study Skills
Study Hints

Biology

Exam 3 - Punnett Squares
Exam 3 - Punnett Squares Long Version

Careers

Exam 3 - Tax Savings for Education

English - All Courses

Active and Passive Voice

Math - Algebra

Exam 1-2 - Similar and Unlike Terms
Exam 11 - Working with Square Root, Radicals and Radical Expressions
Exam 12 - Solving Quadratic Equations
Exam 8-9 - Solving Systems of Linear Equations by Graph

Math - Essential Math I

All Exams - Show All Work
Exam 1 - Finding the Least Common Denominator
Exam 2 - Adding and Subtracting Fractions - Quick Review
Exam 2 - Multiplying and Dividing Fractions - Quick Review
Exam 3 - Adding and Subtracting Mixed Numbers
Exam 3 - Multiplication and Division with Mixed Numbers
Exam 4 - Dividing Decimal Numbers
Exam 5 - Solving Percentage Problems



PERFECT FOR:

The Home-bound Student: If a student is forced by illness or other reasons to withdraw from the classroom, studies can continue through home study during the absence.

Those Who Travel: Children of missionaries, businesspeople, entertainers, sport figures, and others who travel can take distance education courses to keep up with their classes regardless of where these students may be.

Career Education: Students can be offered "career exploratory" courses such as Journalism and Office Procedures and "skill training" courses like Building Trades Blueprint Reading, I, II.

Course Help Sheets and Homework Web Site Links.



Homework Web Sites

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school.discovery.com/homeworkhelp/jpinchbeck/index.html

This site, founded by teenager B.J. Pinchbeck, contains links to over 700 homework sites in disciplines such as English, foreign languages, math, science, social studies and more. There are even links to today's news headlines and on-line games if you need a study break.

www.highschoolace.com

This site bills itself as "the academic homepage for high school students," and on it, you will find links to help in specific subjects, as well as reference tools, news updates, puzzles and quizzes and information on choosing the college that is best for you.

www.homeworkspot.com/high

In addition to offering links for help in specific subjects, this site also gives you the chance to learn something new every day by clicking on its "This Day in History" and "Word of the Day" features. There is also a quick reference section that includes links to almanacs, atlases, biographies and more.

www.infoplease.com/homework

In addition to links to help sites in specific subjects, skills and reference sources, this site includes links to today's news, interesting facts about today in history, timelines, a daily spelling bee and more.

Reference Web Sites

www.askanexpert.com

This kid-friendly site will connect you with experts in a variety of fields who have agreed to answer your questions free of charge.

www.dictionary.com

In addition to helping you find spellings and definitions of words, this site gives you tips on how to use words properly and contains a new "Word of the Day" for you to learn about each day.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Adult education administrators use Independent Study programs to help them meet the needs of more adults in their communities.

An ongoing Independent Study program enables a school to expand its curricula and offer subjects to the public which would not have been possible to offer before.

Students who need special interest subjects are accommodated as well as those who require traditional studies to earn a high school diploma.

If ever you have had to cancel a class because there were too few people enrolled, you'll appreciate the value of a system whose viability does not depend upon the number of students registered. For instance, a class of one—an economic impossibility under ordinary conditions—now is normal practice with Independent Study.

Classroom space is more efficiently maximized when classes of ten, twenty, or even thirty students are studying as many different subjects in the same room.

American School's Independent Study program is a proven way to help your school and to serve your community better.

HIGH SCHOOL SUBJECTS

A student may be enrolled for a single subject or for a group of selected subjects. The price of the course will be determined by the price of the subject or subjects plus one \$20.00 matriculation fee. This fee is charged only once for each student enrolled. **Tuition price includes all text materials, grading, and shipping. Additional shipping costs are applicable to foreign shipments.**

Credit value of each subject is one Carnegie unit unless otherwise specified. First number in parentheses indicates number of examinations.

Splitting full-unit subjects

Each full unit subject is available also in half-units. Specify whether you want the first half or the last half.

For half of a one-unit subject, divide the price by two and add \$25.00.

Prices are subject to change without notice.

ENGLISH

English, Build your Writing Skills I Units 1-4 (4) (1/2 unit)	120.00
English, Build your Writing Skills I Units 5-8 (4) (1/2 unit)	120.00
English, Business (8)	200.00
English 1, Composition and Grammar (6) (1/2 unit) (Grade 9)	180.00
English 2, Composition and Grammar (6) (1/2 unit) (Grade 10)	180.00
English 3, Composition and Grammar (6) (1/2 unit) (Grade 11)	180.00
English 4, Composition and Grammar (6) (1/2 unit) (Grade 12)	180.00
English, Grammar, Basic (8) Remedial, (1/2 unit)	160.00
English I, Understanding (8)	160.00
English II, Understanding (8)	160.00
English, Practical (8)	170.00

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ENGLISH *continued*

Journalism (8).....	220.00
Literature 1 (5) (1/2 unit) (Grade 9)	150.00
Literature 2 (5) (1/2 unit) (Grade 10)	150.00
Literature 3 (4) (1/2 unit) (Grade 11)	150.00
Literature 4 (4) (1/2 unit) (Grade 12)	150.00
Literature, American (8)	200.00
Literature, British (8)	220.00
Literature, Classic Adventure (4) (1/2 unit)	120.00
Literature, World (8).....	170.00
Speech, How to Talk More Effectively (6) (1/2 unit)	140.00
Spelling (4) (1/2 unit)	120.00

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

French I (8)	250.00
*French II (10)	250.00
Latin I (12)	280.00
*Spanish I (10)	240.00
*Spanish II (8)	240.00

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1 (13) (First Year).....	270.00
**Algebra 2 (12) (Second Year)	290.00
Business Math (5) (1/2 unit)	160.00
**Geometry (12).....	240.00
Integrated Algebra (11).....	220.00
Mathematics I, Essential (6)	140.00
Mathematics II, Essential (4).....	120.00

SCIENCE

Biology (lab) (9) (1/2 unit is \$220.00)	310.00
Biology (non-lab) (9).....	220.00
**Chemistry (non-lab) (8)	220.00
**Physics (11)	280.00
Physiology and Health (9)	230.00
(Second semester is Health)	
Science, Earth (6).....	200.00
Science, General (7)	150.00
Science, Physical (8)	220.00

***Tapes, optional, upon request (additional fee)**

SOCIAL STUDIES

Careers (5)	130.00
Civics, Social (Government) (8)	160.00
Geography, World (9)	190.00
History, United States (8)	180.00
History, World (8)	170.00
Psychology for Life Today (6)	140.00
Sociology (7)	150.00

COMPUTER STUDIES

Introduction to Computers (5)	190.00
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AUTOMOTIVE

Automotive, Know Your Car (4) (1/2 unit)	160.00
Automotive Systems (8)	190.00

BUILDING

Print Reading I, Building Trades (10) (1/2 unit)	200.00
Print Reading II, Building Trades (10) (1/2 unit)	200.00
Carpentry (6)	180.00

BUSINESS

Accounting, Fundamentals of (7)	200.00
Business, Intro to (8)	220.00
Business Law (10)	250.00
Business Math (5) (1/2 unit)	160.00
Consumer Economics (6)	170.00
English, Business (8)	200.00
Keyboarding (7)	170.00
Office Procedures (7)	200.00

DRAFTING

Drafting, Basic (10)	220.00
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ELECTRICAL

**Electricity, Fundamentals of (7)	210.00
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****Prerequisite: Algebra I**

ART COURSES

Art, Drawing Animals (4) (1/2 unit)	120.00
Art, Drawing Landscapes (4) (1/2 unit)	120.00
Art, Drawing People (4) (1/2 unit)	120.00
Photography (6)	150.00

HOME LIVING

Child Care (6)	170.00
Clothing (7)	180.00
Consumer Economics (6)	170.00
Food Study (8)	180.00
Home Planning and Decorating (7)	180.00
Home Repairs (7)	160.00

ONLINE COURSES

MATH

Pre-Algebra (19) (1 unit)	250.00
Geometry (12) (1 unit)	250.00
Calculus (9) (1 unit)	250.00

SCIENCE

Earth Science (25) (1 unit)	250.00
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SOCIAL STUDIES

Geography (26) (1 unit)	250.00
Economics (19) (1/2 unit)	200.00

ENGLISH

English IV (17) (1 unit)	250.00
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SPECIAL PRICING FOR ONLINE COURSES

- 1-unit: \$250 + matriculation fee for the first course
- 1/2-unit: \$200 + matriculation fee for the first course
- Each additional course: \$100

To Enroll call Dave Perry at (708) 418-2181

REQUEST TO REVIEW INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Educators are invited to request (for a 30 day review) the textbook and accompanying Study Guide for subject(s) in which they are particularly interested.



**For additional information
please contact:**

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