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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.

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Independent Study Application

In order to be considered for Independent Study, you and your parent or guardian must submit this signed and completed application to Keisho staff and you must agree to sit for an interview with Keisho teachers.

Name of applicant:
Grade: Number of years you have attended Keisho:
Homeroom teacher's name:
n the space below, write an essay in Japanese that addresses the following questions: Why do you want to apply to the Independent Study program? What experience do you have that qualifies you for this program? How do you think you could contribute to the Keisho community through the Independent Study program? What do you think you could learn from participating in the Independent Study program?
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Applicant's Signature:	Date:
Parent's/Guardian's Signature:	Date: