

## **BRIDGES INDEPENDENT STUDY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

### **What is BRIDGES Independent Study Mission?**

Our mission will be to empower a community of parents, students and teachers to create and deliver innovative, high-quality, flexible and student-focused learning opportunities, enhanced by the use of technology, through a curriculum that meets California state standards.

### **What curriculum can we choose?**

You can customize your student's curriculum and choose what suits you and your student best. Your teacher can assist you with the choice and guide you. Your curriculum cannot be religiously based and has to meet California state standards.

### **What will BRIDGES Independent Study Program Offer?**

Our IS program will offer you a credentialed supervising teacher who will work with the parents and students one-on-one to create a personalized curriculum according to the student's interests and identified strengths and weaknesses.

Our IS program wants to empower all students to pursue their own personal educational journeys. For our IS program, the entire community serves as our classroom.

Our IS program offers the veteran homeschool parent the traditional program, where the family meets monthly with their Supervising Teacher. For the parent new to homeschooling, our program will provide weekly support meetings, where the teacher can help train the parent in delivering instruction, as well as help with strategies and support as needed to be a successful home educator.

Our IS program will allow each student to work at a personal pace in all disciplines.

Our IS program will offer enrichment classes that are focused on re-teaching and supplementing the core assignments made by the supervising teacher. Students will be given the opportunity to engage in collaborative, hands-on activities with learning objectives aligned to core courses. Enrichment classes can be attended at the BRIDGES site as well as at our partner school site, Ventura Charter School.

The strong collaboration between the two schools will allow greater flexibility and availability of choices to our families. (Please note that we cannot offer funding for outside vendors).

Our IS program will go beyond books by providing events and field trips and incorporate the community.

Our IS program will allow flexibility in both teaching and learning styles, as well as choice in curriculum.

Our IS program will offer a consistent educational experience and promote real-life context-based learning, educating the whole child.

Our IS program will incorporate the latest technology and have qualified teachers, high school and college students available to offer tutoring advice using the internet. Students can conveniently go online at their home and present their questions for additional help.

### **What do we expect of you?**

- To meet face-to-face with your supervising teacher at least every twenty days
- To have school activities every day and actively complete work, pursue educational goals and take responsibility for your child's learning
- To take part in some of the extra opportunities and activities provided by the School
- To create your own school schedule and allow limited interruptions during the school day
- To work well with your student
- To support student learning appropriately
- To set high standards for teaching (homeschooling) and student learning
- To closely monitor and challenge your student

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# BRIDGES

## CHARTER SCHOOL



✿ INDEPENDENT STUDY ✿

*Hands-On Education*

*Connecting Kids*

*To Their World*



## WHO WE ARE

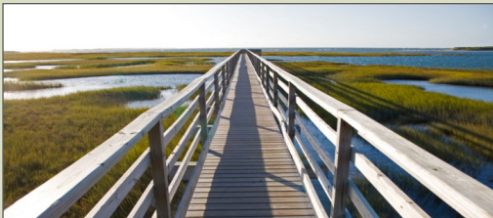
BRIDGES Charter School is a K-8 learning community of families and educators utilizing innovative teaching methods to nurture and educate children. The Independent Study Program is intended to support families who choose to homeschool their children, within the structure of a public school; who want to stay connected to and participate in a larger schooling community; and who support the educational philosophy of the Charter School.

BRIDGES' Independent Study Program is a natural extension of the school's child centered philosophy which recognizes parents as partners in the educational process.

Families who choose to homeschool with BRIDGES Charter School have a unique opportunity to both learn at home *and* to be part of a nurturing school community which offers many special programs, field trips, assemblies, drama productions, integrated arts days, outdoor education, and parent education meetings.

Additionally, parents are given access to instructional materials and are offered the opportunity to meet with a credentialed teacher on a regular basis to discuss curriculum, choose assignments, brainstorm ideas, and review student work.

Our goal at BRIDGES is to graduate life-long learners who will positively shape our culture, rather than merely reflect it.



*“Whatever you do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius and power and magic in it.” -Goethe*

## BRIDGES CHARTER SCHOOL INDEPENDENT STUDY ALLIANCE

Thank you for your interest in BRIDGES Charter School's Independent Study Program. BRIDGES Charter School offers both a site-based program as well as the Independent Study Program.

We are a public school operating with public educational funds. Our Independent Study Program is an innovative, state-of-the-art program where our motto “One student at a time where your child's SUCCESS is our primary goal” is implemented through our unique approach in homeschooling.

The primary goal of BRIDGES Charter School is to maximize learning opportunities for students, and to elicit young people's innate love of learning, build their self-confidence, and prepare them for success and excellence in their academic and personal pursuits.

At BRIDGES Charter School we focus on the whole child. This approach to education is founded on relationship and choice which develops the whole child's social, emotional, cognitive, kinesthetic, spatial, interpersonal, intrapersonal and natural intelligences. We believe that this philosophy is one that works beautifully for you as a homeschooling family as well.

BRIDGES Charter School Independent Study Program embraces the wide differences in student learning styles, abilities, and interests that are often difficult to accommodate in a traditional classroom school setting. Unlike a traditional public school, parents tailor the learning environment to the individual needs of

their children. As a result of our unique system, a standard classroom curriculum is not mandated, and parents remain the authority of any material affecting their children's attitudes, values, and beliefs. An individually assigned Supervising Teacher will provide training for our parents in curriculum choices, learning styles, computer literacy and other areas as needed.



## HOW TO ENROLL

*To begin the enrollment process, you will need to complete and return the **Enrollment Application** along with the required documents as listed on the Application.*

*The Enrollment Application package is available at our website's **“Independent Study”** tab. After receipt of the completed package, we will contact you by phone to arrange an appointment with your teacher.*

