



LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

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The Board of Education of the Lake Tahoe Unified School District is pleased to announce the establishment of another great educational opportunity to meet the needs of local families. On April 11, 2006, the Board voted to combine the current Independent Study Program and the Home School Outreach program into one centralized program with more attractive offerings for parents and students.

The **INDEPENDENT LEARNING ACADEMY** will open its doors in September at the Al Tahoe Learning Center, 1100 Lyons Avenue, South Lake Tahoe. The academy will welcome students from Kindergarten to 12th Grade who wish to enjoy an enriching educational environment that is more flexible than the traditional school setting. The **INDEPENDENT LEARNING ACADEMY's** vision is to provide a program that is flexible enough to meet the needs of a variety of independent learners from college prep high school students to elementary and middle school home-schooled students, and other independent learners.

The INDEPENDENT LEARNING ACADEMY will offer:

- Instruction and support through weekly appointments with highly-qualified teachers
- Tutorials in core classes, electives, and California High School Exit Exam preparation
- Special Education support based for those with an IEP
- Blended programs, which means that a home-schooled student will be welcome to play a team sport, take a class at a school site, attend field trips, participate in the District's music program and extra-curricular activities such as spelling bees or assemblies
- Centralized location for parents and students away from other open campuses
- Streamlined course work through technology
- A team approach, allowing for broader range of strengths and expertise

This unique new academy will have plenty to offer families who wish to home-school their students, yet are looking for some extra assistance from highly-qualified teachers and include a variety of enriching programs. It will also provide the flexibility for those students who wish to study independently, while freeing their time to pursue other avenues of study or work.

To find out more about this exciting new educational program, join the Superintendent and members of the school board for either one of two **PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS:** May 11th at 7 pm or May 18th at 4 pm at the Educational Center, 1021 Al Tahoe Boulevard (across from Denny's). Please call 543-2267 x 105 with any questions.