

## FOCUS ON ACHIEVEMENT: How Distance Education Helps Your District and Students Stand Out

Leading as a superintendent in today's public education arena is a difficult job. Superintendents facing the new realities of the public education system are facing greater demands for accountability, budget control and advancing technology. One way superintendents around the country are finding a way to help student achievement while maintaining financial responsibility is through distance education.

### Revenue and Expenditure Limitations

Superintendents understand more than anyone the need for fiscal responsibility under increasingly tighter budgets. Distance education can help hold the line on costs while expanding curricular offerings and student choice. By offering one course or several for one student or several through distance education, your district is able to offer courses based on student needs without significant investments in staff or resources. The Independent Study High School employs certificated teachers who handle all grading and feedback responsibilities and the average course price is \$250 including all materials.

### Closing the Achievement Gap

If your district is focusing on closing the achievement gap, consider adding courses to your master schedule using distance education. By offering courses currently not available, including Advanced Placement® courses, your district can expand the choices available to students so that all students have an equal opportunity. This is particularly important for those districts wishing to offer more upper-level and Advanced Placement® courses for minority students. ISHS courses offer your district the flexibility to enroll in courses at any time of the year. Your district can have students work on ISHS courses at school or at home – the choice is yours.

### Increasingly Diverse and Complex Students and Families

For districts dealing with transient populations, parents pushing children to excel in school, impoverished families, or any other complex student and family situation, distance education can also help. By offering students and their families the choice to make up credit or work ahead by using ISHS self-paced courses, your

district provides more opportunity for students with complex lives outside of school.

### Choice

Today's parents are informed about the many educational choices they have for their students. They are also savvy consumers of public education. Therefore it is essential that your district is able to provide educational solutions for parents based on student need. ISHS courses allow you to work in conjunction with parents to provide choice in curricular offerings. The ISHS offers more than 100 courses, even Advanced Placement®, that allow students to excel in an environment and pace comfortable for them. Whether your students wish to work ahead, take a course not offered in your district, learn more about a subject in which they are interested, prepare for college, the ISHS can help you meet these needs.

### Increases in Student Enrollment

As districts deal with increasing student enrollment under increasingly tighter resources, many have turned to distance education to ensure students receive a high quality educational experience. Transfer students can make up credit at any time of the year using ISHS courses. A teacher shortage due to rapid expansion can be alleviated through ISHS courses which are taught by certificated teachers. The flexible nature of the ISHS program allows your district to scale up or down your distance education program at any time throughout the year based on your need, all the while ensuring that students can take the courses they need to be successful beyond high school.

### The Independent Study High School

- Offers more than 100 courses in 15 subjects, including Advanced Placement®
- Online and print-based courses
- Credit that transfers easily
- Nationally accredited; certificated teachers
- Open, year-round enrollment
- More than 75 years of offering distance education courses to students around the world

# COURSE LISTING

All courses are offered in a print-based format, with many courses also available online. A complete course list is below. Courses available online are noted with an \*.

For the most up-to-date information regarding course titles, course materials and costs, please visit [NebraskaHS.unl.edu](http://NebraskaHS.unl.edu).

## AgriScience

Agriscience 1  
Agriscience 2  
Horticulture, Lawn and Plant Care  
Horticulture, Landscaping

## Art

Drawing and Composition 1  
Drawing and Composition 2

## Business

Beginning Accounting 1  
Beginning Accounting 2  
Business English and Communication  
Business Law  
Business and International Etiquette  
Consumer Education and Economics  
Economics\*  
Introduction to Business  
Introduction to Human Relations  
Personal Finance and Economic Practices\*  
Personal Keyboarding

## Career Planning

Career Planning\*

## Computer Science

In Partnership with the J.D. Edwards Honors Program  
AP® Computer Science AB 1\* (available only online)  
AP® Computer Science AB 2\* (available only online)

## Driver's Education

Introduction to Driving\*

## English

Ninth Grade English 1\*  
Ninth Grade English 2\*  
Tenth Grade English 1\*  
Tenth Grade English 2\*  
Eleventh Grade English 1\*  
Eleventh Grade English 2\*  
Twelfth Grade English 1\*  
Twelfth Grade English 2\*  
AP® English Literature and Composition 1\*  
AP® English Literature and Composition 2\*  
American Literature Studies 1\*  
American Literature Studies 2\*  
The American Short Story

Basic Expository Writing  
Basic Grammar  
Effective Reader Skills  
Effective Speech Communication  
Intermediate Grammar  
Multicultural Literature\*  
Research: Process and Presentation

## Family and Consumer Sciences

Everyday Etiquette\*  
General Homemaking: Home Management  
General Homemaking: Clothing and Foods  
Introduction to Nutrition  
Personal Adjustment and Family Living

## Industrial Education

Small-Engine Care and Operation  
Small-Engine Maintenance and Repair

## Languages

### French

First Year French\*  
Second Year French  
Third Year French  
Fourth Year French

### Spanish

First Year Spanish\*  
Second Year Spanish\*  
Third Year Spanish  
Fourth Year Spanish

### Latin

First Year Latin\*  
Second Year Latin

## Mathematics

Advanced Algebra 1\*  
Advanced Algebra 2\*  
Basic Mathematics 1  
Basic Mathematics 2  
Business and Consumer Mathematics 1  
Business and Consumer Mathematics 2  
First Year Algebra 1\*  
First Year Algebra 2\*  
General Mathematics 1\*  
General Mathematics 2  
Geometry 1\*  
Geometry 2\*  
Precalculus 1: Analytic Geometry and Algebra\*  
Precalculus 2: Trigonometry\*

## Music

Beginning Piano 1  
Beginning Piano 2  
Music Theory

## Photography

Introduction to Black and White  
Photography

## Science

Biology 1\*  
Biology 2\*  
Chemistry 1 (without or without lab)\*  
Chemistry 2 (without or without lab)\*  
Health Science 1\*  
Health Science 2\*  
Physical Science 1\*  
Physical Science 2\*  
Physics 1\*  
Physics 2\*

## Social Studies

American Government: Theories, Policies and Politics  
American Government: National Level  
American History 1\*  
American History 2\*  
Civics\*  
Ethnic Studies and Human Relations\*  
Psychology\*  
Sociology\*  
AP® U.S. History 1\*  
AP® U.S. History 2\*  
World Cultures\*  
World Geography 1  
World Geography 2  
World History 1\*  
World History 2\*

## Study Skills

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