

Don't forget...

- ✓ **Monthly Field Trips**
- ✓ **Community Service**
- ✓ **Growth-Mindset**
- ✓ **Entrepreneurship Program**
- ✓ **Gardening**

Contact Us

Parents and students are welcome to contact the school at any time for any reason. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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SCHOOL HANDBOOK

2020-2021



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Traditional Calendar*

2020

August 6 th	First Day of Class
October 12 th -16 th	Fall Break
November 23 rd -27 th	Thanksgiving Holiday Break
December 17 th	Last Day of First Semester
December 21 st - January 4 th	Christmas Break

2021

January 5 th	Class Resumes
March 15 th -19 th	Spring Break
May 20 th	Last Day of Traditional Class

***Calendars are tentative**

Daily Lunch

12:00-12:30

Rec Times

12:30-1:20

Independent School of Thought admits students of any race, color, national origin, ethnic origin, or religious preference to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnic origin, or religious preference in administration of its educational policies and admission policies.

Procedures

Drop Off

Please drop your children off by 9:25 am. Doors will be locked by 9:35 am. Please, if you decide to walk your child(ren) in, exit the building, or at least the classrooms, by 9:25 am. Following this procedure will help us maximize quality learning time and minimize distraction. Thank you for observing.

Pick Up

Please do not enter the building to retrieve your child(ren) until 3:30 pm, unless the instructor has been previously notified or it is a true emergency. Following this procedure will help us maximize quality learning time and minimize distraction. Thank you for observing.

Closures

Independent School of Thought follows DeSoto County Schools with regard to weather related closures.

Belief



We believe every student has the right to an education that will enhance his/her unique talents and abilities.

Mission



It is Independent School of Thought's mission to ensure a better future to our world by educating each student to his/her full potential and to encourage lifelong learning by catering to the natural curiosity within each student.

Vision



Independent School of Thought's vision is to ensure the holistic growth of each student through curricular choices that will give every student a niche in the 21st century global environment.

Expectations

Instructor Expectations

The instructor is expected to instruct, tutor, monitor, and/or facilitate learning based on the pre-determined educational requests from parents. The instructor is expected to respect all students, parents, and fellow instructors at all times. The instructor is also expected to be mindful of student creativity and be open-minded to unorthodox (not illegal) approaches to learning that may increase student interest and learning capacity in order to create an environment that will foster individual growth.

Parent Expectations

Parents are expected to meet all state requirements to home school (<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/ODPCSA/HS>). Parents must understand and agree that Independent School of Thought is strictly an educational support to the home school environment. Parents have the right to decide what instruction their child(ren) receives; however, Independent School of Thought cannot be and will not be responsible for the fulfillment of any state home school requirements. Parents must ensure that students, while at home, are engaged in appropriate educational activities whether guided by the school or home. If such educational activities are guided by the school, parents are expected to make certain their child(ren) is spending adequate time and effort to meet the instructors' expectations of homework. This requires, at minimum, a quick review of homework to ensure adequate completion of assignments. This also requires the effort of parents to help students understand what it means to study and learn.

Student Expectations

Students are expected to follow the Code of Conduct. (See Code of Conduct, p. 3)

Code of Conduct

General Behavior

Independent School of Thought expects every student to behave respectfully towards adults and fellow students. Behaving respectfully includes, but is not limited to: following class rules, being kind to peers, and acting as a positive role model or mentor to younger classmates. Any behavior deemed disrespectful towards adults or fellow students will result in a reprimand and/or disciplinary action, including permanent discharge of enrollment.

Dress Code

Independent School of Thought respects the individual freedom of each family to determine what is or is not appropriate dress.

Please, however, be mindful of dress that may expose your child(ren) in a way that may attract unwanted attention from others OR inhibit learning.

Cell Phone Use

Independent School of Thought values the freedom of students and families to make responsible decisions related to cell phone use. The only requirement is that all ring and alert tones be silenced during classroom hours.

Please, however, be advised that using a cell phone at school in any capacity is highly frowned upon. ANY inappropriate content reported as having been shared with fellow students may result in the prohibition of further cell phone use during school and possibly result in permanent discharge of enrollment.