

# Computer Science Independent Study 1

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<p><b>Course Description:</b>          The purpose of an Independent Study is to allow Computer Science students who have had at least one Computer Science class to develop a Computer Science project of their choice. Mr. Cusack must review and approve the project. If a student fails to provide a project, Mr. Cusack may provide a project for them or guide them in learning about computer science trends. Students pursue self-directed learning on specific topics related to Computer Science. They work on hands-on projects, receive guidance from the teacher, and may collaborate with peers. Assessment includes presentations and demonstrations, focusing on practical application rather than standardized testing. Periodically, I will work with students in the exploration of the latest trends in computer science such AI and Machine Learning, Quantum Computing, Internet of Things (IoT), Cybersecurity, Data Science and Big Data, Cloud Computing, Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR), Edge Computing, Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies, and Robotics and Automation.</p>		
<p><b>Late Work Guidelines</b>          -10 points off each day late          Active participation and group collaboration Will be evaluated and given a grade.  <b>Tutorials:</b> Usually 6:15 am till the start of school every morning.</p>	<p><b>Re-teach/Re-test Procedure.</b>          Review material and test corrections,          Re-take test within 5 days,          Replacement grade may not exceed 70, Re-test policy does not apply to major projects.  <b>The Klein Collins HS Grade Repair Policy does not apply to this course</b></p>	<p><b>Textbook</b>  <i>Blown to Bits: Your Life, Liberty, and Happiness after the Digital Explosion</i> 1st Edition by Hal Abelson (Author), Ken Ledeen (Author), Harry Lewis (Author) – Free online</p>
<p><b>Online Resources used:</b>          Khan Academy  <a href="https://www.khanacademy.org/">https://www.khanacademy.org/</a>          W3School  <a href="https://www.w3schools.com/">https://www.w3schools.com/</a>          Code.org: Learn today, build a brighter tomorrow.  <a href="https://code.org/">https://code.org/</a>          Amazon Future Engineer- Project STEM program  <a href="https://projectstem.org/users/sign_in">https://projectstem.org/users/sign_in</a></p>	<p><b>Student Absence Procedures</b>          One day to make up work for each day absent  <b>Grades:</b> 9-12 .5 Credit  <b>Grade replacement:</b>          I offer grade replacement for an assignment. If a student competes on my Computer Science UIL team. I will replace a minor or major grade with a 100. Minor grade replacement for any ranking in the contest. Major grades replacement will happen if the student makes a grade of 75 or more on the UIL test (Perfect score 240). No limit to the number of contests you can attend. Replacement grade must be used in the current grading period.</p>	