



Extended Studies

Extended Studies is a program that Monarch School offers to students who have completed the therapeutic program of Monarch School, and would like to continue boarding at Monarch School in order to complete some additional high school credits or graduate high school.

Extended Studies students attend group sessions once a week instead of three times a week; work or volunteer in town; have access to their cell phones and iPods; and have internet access on their laptops when off campus. We encourage students to engage in off campus activities such as going to movies or theatre productions; skiing; hiking; going to the beach or taking sailing lessons in the summer; meeting friends for coffee or lunch; or just simply walking around or shopping in Sandpoint.

Extended Studies students simply check out with a faculty member to let them know where they will be and when they will be returning to campus. This program is designed to give students a more traditional school environment.



"With only needing a few more classes to graduate high school after graduating from the Monarch School Program, Extended Studies was an excellent opportunity available to me that I did not want to miss out on. There was a multitude of reasons why Extended Studies was, and is, the best option for me; not only am I graduating high school only a month after my friends back home are (which is astounding, considering I missed a full year of school before I enrolled into Monarch School), I get to continue living with most of the closest friends I've ever had, all while practicing structuring my life in ways that I had previously been unable to structure for myself. The community that would have been waiting for me at my previous high school, if I had decided to return would have been toxic in comparison to the community that is here at Monarch School. I really could go on, and on... and on about everything that I love about Extended Studies at Monarch School, but the point is this: Is Extended Studies perfect? No, of course not, nothing in life is, but the pros certainly do dwarf the cons. I am truly grateful that I have had the opportunity to be a part of the Monarch School Extended Studies program." ~ Current Student

"When I graduated the Monarch School Program, I still required three academic credits to graduate high school. I am very happy to say that I got to stay-on as an Extended Studies student and finish high school early. With the privileges of a traditional boarding school, and the support of my community and home, the Extended Studies program has granted me the assurance that I will succeed in the real world. Beyond being able to finish high school, I have been able to practice my personal time management, apply time and place, and solidify my true self in the outside world. At times it can be frustrating not having complete privileges, but without this transition support, my sense of security and trust I have found in myself that if I try I can succeed would not exist. I have found support groups locally outside of Monarch School to attend, and I have been able to begin a job search, beginning my post-Monarch process. Over all Extended Studies program has provided me with the necessary transition from the structure of Monarch to the freedom and choices of the outside world." ~ Current Student

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