***Independent Study Vocabulary Program***

***This year, in addition to teaching content area vocabulary and vocabulary in context within the classroom setting, the Hershey High School English department is offering an independent vocabulary program to all students. The words studied within this program are commonly found on the PSAT, SAT, and ACT tests. We, as English teachers, feel that every student can benefit from this valuable program.***

**How does the program work**? English teachers will assign each student a *Vocabulary Workshop* (Sadlier-Oxford) book *per the student’s request*. Students will then work through the vocabulary program at their own pace. Furthermore, students may complete as many books as they wish. When they finish a book, they should return it to their English teacher, and request the next book in the series.

**What vocabulary books are available**? Currently, Levels C, D, E, F, and H are available.

**How do I know which book my child should choose**? English teachers will help students choose a book appropriate for their level. The usual distribution for each level is as follows:

***Level C***: English 9

***Level D***: CP English 9 and English 10

***Level E***: Honors English 9, CP English 10, and Composition II

***Level F***: Honors English 10 and Composition II

***Level H***: Composition III, courses offered to honors juniors and college preparatory seniors

If students discover that the words contained within a book are too difficult or too easy, they may switch levels at any time.

***How are the books organized***? Each book contains 15 units, and each unit is comprised of 20 vocabulary words. Definitions, synonyms, antonyms, and sample sentences are provided for each word. Additionally, 5 exercises are provided per unit so that the student is given the opportunity to interact with each vocabulary word multiple times. Several multi-unit assessments and a final cumulative test are also available for each book.

***What other tools available to help my child***? A variety of “helps” have been posted on the Independent Study Vocabulary Moodle site that all Hershey High School students can access. The following items have been provided for each level of study:

* Unit pre-tests
* Answers to all of the exercises provided within a particular unit
* A link to *Quizlet* so that students may study the terms using an on-line source
* Quizzes that test the mastery of the terms students have studied

**How does my child access the Independent Study Vocabulary Moodle site**? Students should log on to the Derry Township School District’s Moodle page at [www.derrymoodle@caiu.org](http://www.derrymoodle@caiu.org).

* **Moodle Site Category**: High School: English
* **Moodle Site Title**: Vocabulary Independent Study
* **Password Key**: vocabulary