

Academic Support Information Night

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Agenda

- Introductions
- Academic Support Services
- BMC Accommodations
- Standardized Testing Accommodations
- Accommodations in College



Academic Support Team

Mr. Nick Pavgouzas, Assistant Principal

Mr. Michael Hennessy, Director of Curriculum

Mrs. Diana Tompkins, Director of School Counseling & Academic Support

Ms. Siobhan Henderson, Academic Support Teacher

Mr. Andre Wright, Academic Support Teacher

Ms. Kate O'Reilly, Academic Support Teacher

Mr. James Foltz, Testing Center Coordinator



Academic Support Services

- Classroom Accommodations
 - Individualized based on documented need
- Progress Checks
 - Regular grade monitoring and meetings based on progress
- Classroom Support
 - In partnership with classroom teacher to address challenges
- Goal Setting
 - Help students set realistic goals and strategies to achieve them
- Collaboration
 - Communication & collaboration with students, teachers, parents



BMC Classroom Accommodations

- Students with documented learning differences / challenges
- Individualized and reasonable based on BMC resources and documentation
- Not obligated to provide all services or recommendations
- Students are expected to complete all assignments and graduation requirements.



Standardized Testing Accommodations

- BMC accommodations do not guarantee standardized testing accommodations
- Must be approved by testing company
 - College Board = PSAT, SAT, and AP
 - ACT Services = PreACT and ACT
 - 2 companies = 2 different processes / approvals
 - Specific documentation required



Standardized Testing Accommodations

- College Board (PSAT, SAT, and AP exams)
 - Eligibility starting freshman year
 - May request at any time
 - Each exam has deadline
 - Parental consent form required
 - BMC submits request and documentation online
 - Once approved, accommodations apply to all College Board exams



Standardized Testing Accommodations

- ACT (PreACT and ACT exams)
 - Accommodations requested with test registration
 - PreACT - BMC registers students
 - ACT - students register themselves
 - Parental consent form required
 - BMC submits request and documentation online
 - Once approved:
 - PreACT - year by year
 - ACT - accommodations apply to future ACT exams



Accommodations in College

- **Myth:** College is a continuation of secondary education with the same services / accommodations
- Laws governing accommodations are different
 - ADA focuses on accessibility
- **Federal Education Rights to Privacy Act**
 - Students are considered adults.
 - Staff and faculty are only permitted to discuss the student's educational information with the student.
- Research each colleges policy and procedure when determining a good fit

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