

## Accommodations at IWA Frequently Asked Questions

### **Does IWA provide accommodations to students?**

Yes, students at IWA are eligible for individual academic accommodations to facilitate their learning and their ability to demonstrate mastery of academic material. In order to receive formal accommodations, current documentation (within 3 years) should be submitted to the School Counselors at least 2 weeks prior to requesting accommodations. Current documentation must be on file by December 1st to qualify for accommodations for first semester examinations and by May 1<sup>st</sup> for second semester examinations.

### **What constitutes acceptable documentation?**

Current documentation provides the testing data (both cognitive and achievement testing), a diagnosis, and recommendations from the professional evaluator. Specific guidelines for documentation, as well as a list of evaluation specialists, may be requested from our counselor, **Emma Thompson (ethompson@incarnateword.org)**.

### **What accommodations does IWA provide its students?**

IWA provides reasonable accommodations in order for students to have equal access to the academic courses, without sacrificing the integrity of the education program. Accommodations provided to students are extended time up to 50% for quizzes, tests, and semester exams; preferential seating; testing in a less distracting environment; testing without scantrons; and note-taking assistance.

### **How does my daughter receive accommodations at IWA?**

Please contact our counselor, **Emma Thompson (ethompson@incarnateword.org)**, to submit a copy of current documentation. Our counselor in conjunction with administration will review the documentation and determine if IWA can reasonably meet the student's needs. Once reviewed, our counselor will set up a meeting with you to go over the documentation and implement an accommodation plan. Our counselor will also meet with your daughter at the beginning of the school year to review her accommodations plan with her. Your daughter's teachers will be made aware of your daughter's accommodations plan; however, please note that your daughter is responsible for requesting the use of her extended time accommodation from her teachers for each quiz and test. Additionally, your daughter must formally request the use of accommodations for semester exams using the form available in the counselor's office.