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# MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY

The St. Joseph's Program is designed to provide a positive, Catholic, college preparatory, educational and social experience for a select group of students with diagnosed learning differences.

The St. Joseph's Program is staffed with highly qualified special and general education professionals dedicated to empower students to think on their own, take responsibility for their decisions and become life-long learners.



# Bishop McNamara High School



## The St. Joseph's Program

“We shall always place education side by side with instruction; the mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart.

While we prepare useful citizens for society, we shall likewise do our utmost to prepare citizens for heaven.”

~ *Blessed Basil Moreau*



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# ABOUT US: THE ST. JOSEPH'S PROGRAM

The St. Joseph's Program is proud to offer individualized assistance while maintaining high expectations. Established in 2010, the program extends and formalizes the support given to Bishop McNamara High School students with learning differences. The St. Joseph's Program provides reasonable accommodations in consultation with teachers and guidance counselors.

The St. Joseph's Program accepts students admitted to Bishop McNamara High School with documented learning differences. As the program accepts 10-15 students annually, early application with complete documentation is encouraged. Admission to the program requires the submission of recent psycho-educational testing along with an application to the St. Joseph's Program and an application for admission to Bishop McNamara High School.

For incoming freshmen, students complete a 4-week summer program prior to their 9th grade year. The summer program includes reading and mathematics content paired with skill development and orientation activities for high school.

# STUDENT SUPPORT

- Creation of Individualized Plans, based on testing recommendations and student needs
- Teaching of effective strategies for studying, test-taking, organization, note-taking and other academic skills
- Direct support of identified needs
- Providing writing assistance, note-taking
- Access to technology and learning resources
- Organizational support
- Observations in content-area classes
- Progress monitoring
- Weekly grade checks
- After school and scheduled study halls



# CLASSROOM SUPPORT



The support given to students in the classroom is guided by our team of skilled content-area instructors in collaboration with the St. Joseph's Program staff and the counseling office. The teachers implement interventions and accommodations.

Families, teachers, counselors and administrators work together to support all of our St. Joseph's Program students.

The St. Joseph's Program staff instructs the summer school program for incoming St. Joseph's freshmen, easing their transition to high school.

Our staff is dedicated to the success of the student - academically, socially and with any of their goals.