



THE ST. JOSEPH PROGRAM

at Bishop McNamara High School

TESTING

Students who are enrolled in the St. Joseph Program may have testing accommodations listed as a requirement on their Individual Accommodation Plan (IAP). Testing accommodations may include extended time, test response monitoring, and/or multiple testing sessions. The St. Joseph Center provides a quiet, separate environment to encourage focus and minimize distraction to allow program students to successfully complete their class tests.

UNDERSTANDING ACCOMMODATIONS:

Accommodations are not meant to show favoritism. Students with learning differences oftentimes have immense difficulty or simply cannot complete tests in the regular classroom no matter how thoroughly they know the material. Testing accommodations for St. Joseph students:

- Provide equitable access
- Do not change the construct being assessed
- Do not compromise the integrity or validity of the test
- Do not reduce learning expectations
- Result in valid, meaningful test results

OUR COMMITMENT:

The St. Joseph staff is committed to students and their success beyond the St. Joseph Program. As a result of this commitment, the St. Joseph staff perform the following tasks when students arrive in the St. Joseph Center to complete their tests:

- Adhering to test security measures
- Providing appropriate accommodations according to the IAP
- Documenting the use of accommodations
- Recording testing time
- Securing the test document until teacher retrieval

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