

# Guidance and Learning Support

*The Benilde-St. Margaret's guidance department provides many services to students and parents. For more detailed information regarding all services provided, students and parents are encouraged to visit the BSM website ([www.BSMschool.org](http://www.BSMschool.org)) click on "Academics" then, select "Guidance".*

## **Academic Support (S1) and/or (S2)**

Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

One or two semesters, no credit.

This course provides students the opportunity to receive academic and organizational support in a supervised study hall format. This class supports students with a documented diagnosis that affects their ability to perform in a school setting.

## **College/Career Planning (S1 and S2)**

Two semester course, .5 credits each semester, required of juniors.

The purpose of the College/Career Planning requirement is to provide students with the best possible support in choosing, applying for, and committing to a college or university and potentially a career path. Following is an outline of the support BSM offers juniors by semester:

**Semester One:** Colleges may use the ACT score for both admissions decisions and scholarship awards. For this reason, BSM has partnered with Naviance Test Prep to provide current juniors, and eligible sophomores, with a 13-week ACT and PSAT test preparation course during the school day. The course starts the week after Labor Day and runs for thirteen weeks. It meets once per week during the student's BSM hour block day. The goal of this first semester course is to help students do their very best on the ACT and PSAT tests. Providing the test preparation course during the school day makes it easier for all students to engage in a proven method of preparation. Students will receive a P (pass) / NP (no pass) grade, based on attendance and homework completion, on their academic transcript.

*This first semester course is open to eligible sophomores in the spring of sophomore year. These students will be invited to participate based on current math course enrollment and success.*

**Semester Two:** This semester course includes an all-day event on college and career planning, completion of a portfolio of work, and attendance at the BSM College Fair. During the all-day event students will attend sessions on a variety of helpful topics to aid them in the college planning and application process. Each student is required to complete a portfolio of work building on the information they receive at the event. Students will be required to use online resources to complete their portfolio. Students are required and parents are encouraged to attend an individual meeting with their guidance and college counselor. This meeting will be scheduled by the guidance office during the spring of junior year. Students will receive a P (pass) /NP (no pass) grade, based on their portfolio, on their academic transcript.

## **Learning Lab (S1) and/or (S2)**

One or two semesters, .5 credits per semester, open to freshmen.

Students will receive academic and organizational support in this class supervised by the learning specialist. Students will receive a P (pass) /NP (no pass) notation on their academic transcript. This class supports students with a documented diagnosis that affects their ability to perform in a school setting.

## **Quiet Study (S1) and/or (S2)**

Open to all grade levels. One or both semesters. No credit.

Students are assigned to this supervised study hall by counselors and learning specialists for support with work completion.

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**Teacher Assistant (S1) and/or (S2)**      One semester, open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.  
.5 credit. Students must carry the minimum course load for their grade level.

Students can use their expertise in a subject area by serving as an assistant to a teacher. Students should contact the instructor they are interested in assisting. Students are placed in TA positions two weeks after the start of the semester. Students will receive a P (pass) /NP (no pass) notation on their transcript.

## *College in School*

**Exploring the Teaching Profession I (CI 3901)**      One semester, one credit, open to juniors and seniors.  
Two college credits from the University of Minnesota.

For a full course description and requirements refer to page 54 of the program of studies.