



MACLAY SCHOOL
Be Inspired. Be Determined. Be Unstoppable.

Center for Academic Excellence

Maclay School's Center for Academic Excellence is the central hub for academic support and enrichment on campus.

CAE CENTER FOR
ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE
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OUR MISSION

The CAE is a student support program committed to fostering the holistic development of each student at Maclay.

CAE supports include tutoring, study skills development, reading instruction, enrichment programming, screening and therapies, and tailored educational plans to ensure that each student can reach their full potential.

Additionally, the CAE provides resources and advocacy for students with diverse learning needs, integrating specialized support while fostering confidence.

WHO WE ARE



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Our Team

Our team is comprised of learning and behavioral specialists and independent contractors who work directly with students in grades Pk-12.

OUR SERVICES

Lower School Reading Pathways

- Tailored reading instruction and support for bright, neurodiverse students
- Based on Orton-Gillingham principles

Academic Support for Middle and Upper School

- Small-group academic support and intervention during the school day
- Study skills and Executive Functioning Support
- General tutoring

Accommodations & Therapies

- Custom accommodation learning and behavioral support plans
- Referrals to community partners for testing and services
- Speech, occupational, behavioral screening and therapies
- College Board and standardized testing accommodations
- Test proctoring services

Screeners and Assessments

- Earlybird Dyslexia and Word Reading screener for grades Pk4-1
- On-campus Informal Assessments for Reading and Math
- Quarterly ELA and Math screening and progress monitoring

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PATHWAYS



Our CAE Pathways program is designed specifically for lower school students who are highly intelligent and learn differently. Rooted in the Orton-Gillingham approach, our program offers tailored reading instruction and classroom integrated math support that celebrates each student's unique learning style. Through small group sessions led by skilled learning specialists, we provide explicit and systematic instruction that not only enhances reading abilities but also fosters engagement and builds confidence.

At the heart of our program is a deep commitment to helping our students thrive by honoring their individual strengths and creativity. Our neurodiverse students often excel in special areas such as the arts and athletics. Our approach integrates literacy instruction with respect for the creative and downtime these students need, ensuring that they develop self-efficacy while continuing to pursue their passions.

iTHINKERS

iThinkers STEM Grades 2-4: Our iThinkers course for grades 2-4 nurtures creativity, innovation, and out-of-the-box thinking. Through weekly hands-on exploration of STEM topics, students engage in collaborative learning that enhances their content knowledge while developing critical thinking, collaboration, and leadership skills. This enriching experience is tailored for gifted students or those demonstrating a need for academic enrichment.

iThinkers Math Grades 5-8: Students in grades 5-8 can choose iThinkers Math as an elective or special area course, where they sharpen their mathematical abilities through complex problem-solving and participation in math competitions. This course fosters critical thinking and teamwork, encouraging students to approach challenges systematically and creatively. By competing in local, regional, and national math competitions like Math Olympiads, students also learn valuable lessons in sportsmanship and resilience.



MATH@MACLAY



Math@Maclay is an enrichment and support program for K-8 students designed to foster a love for math and deepen classroom learning through hands-on activities and collaborative problem-solving. Students in kindergarten through third grade are presented with hands-on learning opportunities intended to foster a love for math and deepen their classroom learning, encourage collaboration, and problem-solving skills. For students in grades 4-Algebra 1, it offers homework support, concept reinforcement, and assessment preparation. This program is intended for students who either enjoy math and wish to engage in it further after school with peers or students who would benefit from consistent math support by our team of CAE learning specialists.

Some of these programs have an additional fee. Please contact CAE for more information.

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