



Academic Support Program

In order to optimize student learning, St. David's School offers the Academic Support Program (ASP) to students with documented learning differences. Learning Specialists will work with students during the school day to provide curriculum-based services. The goal of the program is to support students by providing tools and strategies to aid in their academic endeavors at St. David's School while fostering independent learning for a lifetime.

In order to qualify for the Academic Support Program, students must meet the following criteria:

1. A complete and full psychoeducational evaluation completed by a licensed psychologist or an educational therapist. For Lower School students only, a speech/language or occupational therapy evaluation is acceptable. All testing must be current within the last three years and on file in the ASP office.
2. A diagnosis of a learning disability and/or ADHD, or an identified area of significant weakness.
3. An interview with the student, parents, and Academic Support Program Coordinator is recommended.

Scheduling Options:

Additionally:

- **Kindergarten-4th grade** students will be seen for two 45-minute sessions per week during times that are agreed upon between the learning specialist and the regular classroom teacher.
- **5th-12th grade** students will be seen every other day for 35 – 40 minutes, along with 35-40 minutes of focused independent study time to complete homework, study for upcoming assessments, and work on projects.
 - **5th-6th grade** ASP will be in place of P.E. or a language elective.
 - **7th-8th grade** ASP will be in place of an elective.
 - **9th-12th grade** ASP will be scheduled in place of a free period.

Services offered for Lower, Middle, and Upper School students include:

- Individual curriculum intervention consisting of academic skill building and strategy intervention;
- Additionally, individual reading instruction comprised of systematic, multisensory reading strategies targeting phonics, fluency, and comprehension skills as needed;
- Review and supervision of classroom accommodations;
- On-going communication between the learning specialist and the student's parents;
- On-going communication between the learning specialist and the student's teachers;
- Academic Support Program team meetings consisting of a student's parents, the learning specialist, and other teachers as needed.

The cost of the Academic Support Program is \$5,750. *A non-refundable deposit fee of \$250 is due before a place will be reserved. This deposit will be applied toward the ASP fee.* Billing is administered through the Business Office and is payable online. Contact Jonathan Walston, St. David's Controller, with any billing questions at jwalston@sdsd.org. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the Academic Support Program, please contact Andrea Adams, Academic Support Program Coordinator, at 919-782-3331 ext. 379 or aadams@sdsd.org.