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Dear Academic Achievement Parent and Students,

Our AAP team has been fielding questions regarding the academic support program at Charlotte Catholic High School. We would like to assure you that our goals have not changed and are in alignment with the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office.

What does the program entail? Our program is meant to support students as they grow into independent, self-advocating learners. We:

- Meet with students individually to teach executive functioning skills and monitor progress.
- Administer assessment accommodations, including standardized testing (College Board, ACT) in coordination with the test proctor(s).
- Communicate with and work alongside teachers to ensure accommodations are being met and students are supported with academic responsibilities.
- Assist students in communicating their accommodation needs to teachers.
- Support teachers as they support students in the classroom.

Are there special classes available to students in the AAP program? We offer two classes: (1) Academic Achievement Class and (2) Guided Academic Support. Please follow the link to the <u>Curriculum Guide</u> to read about the classes (p.15-16) We also offer other support such as weekly meetings with an AAP teacher before/after school or during break.

How can my student receive extra test time? Students receive extra time on all summative assessments if they have the accommodation in place. That time is generally given in the AAP room from 7:25 AM - 7:48 AM, prior to A Period.

Can Academic Achievement students be allowed to take Honors or AP classes? Any student who qualifies for an Honors or AP class will be placed in Honors or AP classes. The AAP department does not place students; however, historically we have served students who enroll in and, like all students, with dedication and a strong work ethic, are successful in these classes.

Will accommodations continue to be offered in the 2025-26 school year? We will continue to provide the excellent support and services needed for all students who qualify for accommodations.

For additional information on our program's goals and desired outcomes, please find the link to the <u>Academic Achievement</u> page on the CCHS website.

For qualification or questions, please feel free to contact:

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