



Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School

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Special Education Course Offerings and Associated Fees

Access Program (Core Courses) ESE Fee: \$3,000.

This is our premiere program for students with moderate to severe disabilities, and other specialized support needs. These classes are designed for students who require more individualized care and/or modifications to the curriculum. The Access Program encompasses all four core areas of Math, Science, Social Studies and English. The courses offered each year vary, as to meet all State of Florida graduation requirements. They are taught by ESE specialists and are a small class size. Accommodations and modifications are built-in to the structure of these courses. The content mirrors what is being taught in College Prep classes, but allows flexibility to provide the material in alternative formats and focus on real world application of the curriculum. These courses are also taught at a different pace, allowing the time needed for students to learn the content, before moving on to the next unit. These courses focus on understanding the material, and allowing students to show mastery of the subject in ways best suited to their individual strengths. The Access Program curriculum aligns with the State of Florida Department of Education Access Points Standards. Upon graduation, a Standard Diploma is earned, and transcripts show the diploma was earned via an Access Points curriculum. Students may still attend college upon completion of this program. Students in the Access Program will still attend standard elective and Theology courses and participate fully in the school community.

ESE Learning Strategies (Elective Course) ESE Fee: \$1,000.

This is an elective course that can be taken each year of a student's high school career. This course focuses on executive functioning skills, and is designed to enhance academic ability that can be used to strengthen a student's overall skill set. Organizational skills, time management, proper note taking and test taking skills, proper communication and presentation skills, professional writing skills, daily life skills, self-advocacy and social-emotional learning skills and other academic areas are covered in this course. These courses are a guaranteed small class size. The precise content of these courses changes each year, so that multiple skill areas can be addressed and enhanced as students learning needs change. This course is taught by ESE experts, who spend time with each student to work individually on current academic needs.

Engaged Citizenship Through Service Learning (Elective Course).

This is an elective course which can be repeated, and will feature different content each semester. It is open to all Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. The course offers students the ability to learn how to assist and work with students with disabilities, both in and outside of the classroom. Students will spend time learning about the history of disability rights and laws in the United States, gain knowledge of the different types of disabilities, learn strategies on how to assist students, and study new trends in disability research. How those with disabilities are portrayed in society and the media, will also be examined. A focus will be placed on improving the school community to make it more inclusive and welcoming to those with disabilities. The other main component of this course will include students putting this knowledge to work by practicing what they have learned in a classroom setting. This will take place by working with students with disabilities in their classes. Students in this class can also earn service hours by participating in school-wide disability awareness and inclusion events.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns you may have, to eseccordinator@bmchs.com