



# Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School

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### **Special Education Services Requirements**

Below are the criteria needed to qualify for a Student Support Plan and academic accommodations here at Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School.

In order to obtain a Student Support Plan which provides academic accommodations at Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School, you must provide a current Psycho-Educational Evaluation that has been completed within the last three years. You may obtain a Psycho-Educational Evaluation from a Psychologist, or Psychiatrist, licensed in performing these types of evaluations. BMCHS cannot recommend specific providers, and we do not perform these tests. The Psycho-Educational Evaluation must include the following: Diagnoses of any disorders, disabilities or medical conditions, description of current academic and cognitive abilities, types of tests and scores utilized to arrive at these diagnoses and the raw data from these tests, and possible recommendations based on the results of the evaluation. How this condition affects the student's daily life, must also be included.

Private religious schools such as Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School, are exempt from all laws mandating academic accommodations for students with disabilities. This includes the IDEA Act of 1975 & its reauthorization in 1997 and 2004, Section 504 of The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. However, Bishop prides itself on providing various levels of resources and support in order to assist students with disabilities and medical conditions. We support students in achieving a successful and inclusive Catholic educational experience. To this end, we offer reasonable accommodations that may be beneficial to students, based on our available resources. In order to provide this support, our policy of providing a current (written within the last three years) Psycho-Educational Evaluation must be followed. This allows us to truly understand the specific needs of each student, and how to allocate the appropriate resources and support accordingly. This also helps us determine proper placement levels and other pertinent information. The only situation in which a Psycho-Educational Evaluation is not required, is for accommodations related to a chronic physical or medical condition, such as Diabetes or Juvenile Arthritis. In the case of a chronic medical condition, thorough current medical documentation is required. This documentation must explain the diagnosis and how it currently affects the student's daily life. Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School reserves the right to not accept any student whose needs cannot be met by the school.

Current Psycho-Educational Evaluations are required for us to create a Student Support Plan for academic accommodations. These evaluations are also required for determination of placement, if there is a question of need for the student to be placed into any special education courses. Psycho-Educational Evaluations are also required in order for the school to submit accommodation requests for national standardized tests, such as the SAT and

ACT. We do not request any standardized testing accommodations that we do not offer on Student Support Plans for school-based accommodations.

We cannot offer accommodations until we receive a current Psycho-Educational Evaluation. This type of documentation is required so that we can assure our available resources are provided to students who need them. 504 Plans and IEP's serve as proof of prior accommodations, but are not required or accepted as proper documentation in order to receive a Student Support Plan. Those types of documents are public school documents, and do not carry over to private religious institutions. Student Support Plans from other Catholic or private schools, do not automatically carry over to Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School. Please also note that the Office of Student Support handles all accommodation requests. If you have submitted the proper documentation and have not yet been contacted regarding special education services, please reach out to the Office of Student Support via email at [esecordinator@bmchs.com](mailto:esecordinator@bmchs.com).