

# ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

*Please contact the Guidance Office for more information on the following support services.*

## CREDIT RECOVERY OPTIONS

**“A” School:** An in-house alternative high school program that helps students recover credits in order to graduate. It is specifically designed for students who struggle with the traditional school model and would benefit from an alternative learning environment. Students interested in the program must apply and go through the selection process.

**AHSPlus:** An after-school program designed for students who have credits to recover or GRAD tests to pass in order to graduate. High school students (including those not yet 16 years of age) who have attended and not passed a core subject course in English, mathematics, science and/or social studies, and students who have taken one or more of the state GRAD tests and not passed are eligible. AHSPlus operates after school on Mondays and Tuesdays, 2:10 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in room 350.

**GED (General Equivalency Diploma):** The Robbinsdale Adult Academic Program located in New Hope provides preparation for the GED. A certified staff of teachers helps students gain the knowledge to pass the GED test. Students cannot earn a GED until their high school class has graduated. Call 763-504-8300 to schedule an appointment.

**Independent Study:** A state-certified program for students 16 years of age or older who are at risk of not graduating from high school. Students meet once a week with their teacher(s) and then complete assignments, usually as packet-based work. Most students use this option to make up one or two credits, often while attending high school. An Independent Study form must be completed by the student’s counselor.

**Math Remediation:** An after-school remediation program the Math Department offers for seniors. There is also a summer prep class available for juniors.

**Summer School:** A three-week summer session generally available for freshmen and sophomores. An additional computer-based program is available for upper classmen. Applications are available May 1.

## PROGRAMS/RESOURCES

**Admission Possible:** A nonprofit organization dedicated to helping promising low-income young people prepare for and earn admission to college. This program’s mission is to identify low-income juniors and seniors who have the motivation and potential for college, and then provide them with four critical services: 1) ACT and SAT test preparation, 2) intensive guidance in preparing college applications, 3) help in obtaining financial aid, and 4) guidance in transition to college. Applicants should have earned a 2.5 GPA, passed the basic standards tests, and demonstrated a solid attendance record.

**Advisory:** All students are assigned an Advisory teacher and generally stay with the same Advisory teacher all four years of high school. Advisory is used to communicate and interpret school policies, procedures, and processes, distribute midterm/quarter progress reports, and disseminate information about programs, activities, and events.

**After-School Math Help:** The Math Resource Room is open for math help on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Math help is also available after school during ELT on Wednesdays (2:20 - 3:50 p.m.).

**AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination):** An in-house academic support program that prepares students for college eligibility and success. The program targets academically average students and places them in advanced courses, while supporting them in the AVID elective. AVID services students who are traditionally underrepresented on four-year college campuses. Students interested in the program must apply and go through the selection process.

**ELT (Extended Learning Time):** A program for freshmen and sophomores who are struggling with current course work and need extra time or help to complete assignments. ELT help sessions are offered Monday through Thursday after school from 2:20 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. in the Media Center. Both staff and peer tutors are available to assist students in their studies.

**Fresh Start:** A transitions program intended to identify and support freshmen who may struggle but not qualify for other services. The purpose of Fresh Start is to have students earn 12 credits their freshman year. The program specifically focuses on the four core subject areas of English, mathematics, science and social studies, providing academic tutoring and, when necessary, behavioral and emotional guidance.

**Link Crew:** A high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and helps them feel comfortable throughout their first year of high school. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, Link Crew trains members of the junior and senior classes to be Link leaders. As positive role models, Link leaders are motivators, leaders and teachers who guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school and help facilitate freshman success.

**Resource Rooms:** Available to students during their study halls. Students must get a pass from a teacher to use a resource room and to be excused from their study hall.