

ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM



The Academic Enhancement Program is for students who have a learning disability and those who are simply struggling academically. The goal of this program is to help students succeed academically at Newport Central Catholic.

Initially, we look at the placement exam scores to help us determine an individual's need for the AE program. We also look at previous records of learning disability. Parents should feel free to contact us if you feel this is something your son or daughter may need.

Since we are on trimesters, students in the AE program come to us as one of their class periods every day. The rest of the day, these students are placed in regular classes with their peers.

We have no more than 12 students in each AE class, so there is a 12:2 ratio. This allows us to work individually with each student to monitor progress. We also work with the classroom teachers to monitor each student's assignments, help build study and organizational skills, and make any necessary accommodations needed.

There are four periods of Academic Enhancement each trimester. Two classes are freshmen, one is sophomore, and the other is junior/senior. Most of the students who start in Academic Enhancement will not need it for their entire four years at NCC. Our goal is to help students build the skills that they need to be independent, capable learners.

Academic Enhancement is considered a non-academic elective. It does receive a grade and does get factored into the GPA.

There are many tools available to help, including:

- 1. Computer software that reads text aloud**
- 2. Remedial reading software**
- 3. Remedial math software**
- 4. Alpha-Smarts (small, battery operated keyboards) for students to take to class and type their notes rather than write them.**
- 5. Software that will type as the student speaks into a microphone.**

Although Academic Enhancement is not necessary for all students, we know that everyone struggles sometimes, and we are here to help. Students outside the AE program come in before and after school to get additional assistance or tutoring on an as needed basis.

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