

Specialized Learning

Friendship Christian School

Raleigh, North Carolina

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Specialized Learning Program

- **Academic Resource Center**
- **Focus Learning Center**



Academic Success Center Elementary

Elementary resource classes

for 3rd through 5th grades

- **Math and Language Arts**
(reading, writing, vocabulary/spelling, grammar)
- **Pulled out during regular classes so no other classes are missed**
- **Assessed and grouped according to ability**
- **Other classes modified as necessary**
- **Curriculum is flexible**
- **Six students: Two teachers**

Academic Success Center Middle School

Middle school resource classes

for 6th through 8th grades

- **Math and Language Arts**
(grammar, writing, vocabulary/spelling, literature)
- **Pulled out during regular classes so no other classes are missed**
- **Other classes modified as necessary**
- **Curriculum is kept as close to regular classes as possible**
- **Tutorial Study Hall**

Academic Success Center Tutorial Study Hall

- **Middle school grades 6th – 8th**
- **High school grades 9th – 12th**
- **Description**

Tutorial Study Hall is available to students who can keep up in the regular classroom but need daily assistance with study skills, organization, additional time for test-taking, and occasional re-teaching of material. Middle school students who are enrolled in English or Math Resource classes may enroll in Tutorial Study Hall also for assistance with their other courses. (Average ratio of students to one teacher is 6:1.)

Focus Learning Center

- **High school life skills classes for grades 9th through 12th who qualify**
 - ✓ Occupational English, math, history, science in the resource class
 - ✓ Bible and electives with regular classes
 - ✓ Eligible for Occupational Track Diploma

Diploma Options

- **College-Prep**

- for students with or without learning disabilities
 - full course requirements (accommodations acceptable, but no modifications to the courses)

- **General**

- for students with learning disabilities
 - reduces course requirements and required ACT score

- **Occupational**

- for students in Focus Learning Center



College Preparatory Course of Study:

*22 credits + one Bible credit per year in Christian school

- 4 credits Bible (or one per each year in Christian school)
- 4 credits English
- 4 credits Math Electives (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, + an advanced math class)
- 4 credits Social Studies (Geography, World History, U. S. History, Government - ½, Economics - ½)
- 3 credits Science (Biology, Physical Science, Chemistry)
- 1 credit Another science is highly recommended to proceed to a four year college (Honors Anatomy, Forensics).
- ½ credit Health
- ½ credit PE
- 2 credits Foreign Language (Spanish I and Spanish II)
- 1 credit Honors Spanish III or Speech
- 1 credit Fine Arts Elective (must take two half credit approved classes)
- 1 credit Electives
- ACT composite test score of 17
- Must obtain 6 hours of Christian Service Hours per semester starting in the ninth grade

General Course of Study:

*20 credits + one Bible credit per year in Christian School

*Alternate grading scale for passing rate

- 4 credits Bible (or one per year in Christian school)
- 4 credits English
- 3 credits Math Electives (Algebra I is required)
- 4 credits Social Studies (Geography/World Issues, World History, U.S. History, Government - 1/2 Economics - 1/2)
- 3 credits Science (Biology, Physical Science, elective)
- 1/2 credit Health
- 1/2 credit PE
- 1 credit Fine Arts Elective (waived if in full time Tutorial Study Hall for 4 years)
- 4 credits Electives
- ACT composite test score of 15
- Must obtain 6 hours of Christian Service Hours per semester starting in the ninth grade

Occupational Course of Study

The Occupational Course of Study covers the basics of the core subjects which specifically focus on post-school employment and independent living. Successful completion of this program will provide the student with a solid, basic education but will not meet the requirements for entrance to a four year college or university. Successful completion of this program, however, will allow for continued training in a technical or vocational program or a community college.

- 4 Credits Bible (or one per year in Christian school)
- 4 Credits Occupational English
- 3 Credits Occupational Mathematics
- 2 Credits Life Skills Science
- 2 Credits Social Studies Government/US History and World History
- 1 Credit Health/Physical Education
- 4 Credits Occupational Preparation (Life skills and supervised job training in a variety of areas which may include teachers' aides, food preparation, maintenance, grounds/landscape etc...)
- 2 Credits Electives (Computer, Home Economics, Music, Keyboarding, etc...)

Fees

Academic Resource Center *in addition to regular tuition

- One resource \$1,700 (math or English)
- Two resources \$2,450 (math/English/TSH)
- Three resources \$2,925 (math/English/TSH)
- Tutorial Study Hall only \$1,000

Focus Learning Center

- Full time student \$9,500 *total tuition cost

Successes

- Salvation of students
- Opportunity to minister to families
- Accepting students with disabilities adds to overall enrollment.
- Students who have fallen behind catch up to their peers and move back to regular classes.
- Non-disabled students learn acceptance and compassion for their disabled peers.
- Children who would otherwise be shuffled into public school special education programs are given a quality Christian education in a nurturing environment.