

# St. Francis Catholic High School Support Plan Information

St. Francis is committed to providing support to students with physical, emotional, and cognitive challenges.

Required: a diagnosis from a practitioner with expertise in the field of challenge who uses valid and reliable test measures. The diagnosis should be stated on letterhead with the license of the professional and date of testing.

An Academic Support Team - Administrator, Guidance Counselor, and the Resource Specialist - will review data from testing as well as teacher input. A Medical Support Plan (MSP) or a Formal Education Plan (FEP) will be drafted for family approval, then sent to teachers.

The Resource Specialist will first meet with the student to review the support plan and suggest resources/strategies for success. Then, the family will be invited to a Support Team meeting.

Student success is monitored and support plans are adjusted according to need.

Please contact Joan Biller, Resource Specialist, if you are interested in obtaining testing.

Joan Biller Resource Specialist jbiller@stfrancishs.org

#### **Testing Information: Qualified Professionals**

Note: please request your daughter's evaluator to state her diagnosis(es) on letterhead with the field of expertise and license clearly stated. You can deliver this document to the front office (in an envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL: attn. Joan Biller) or ask the evaluator to send a confidential email to jbiller@stfrancishs.org.

## **Medical Support Plans Related to Physical Challenges**

Physician or Clinician

#### **Medical Support Plans Related to Behavioral Challenges**

Physician or Psychologist

Note: in order to create a support plan for AD/HD the evaluator must base his/her diagnosis on results from Behavioral Rating Inventories. We will facilitate by distributing and collecting data from teachers.

### **Academic Support Plans**

Educational Psychologist or Clinical Psychologist

#### Helpful Tips:

- Please check with your insurance to verify if testing is covered.
- Independent practitioners may charge different fees for the same tests check for competitive prices.
- You can request free testing by your local public school but it is not guaranteed your
  daughter will qualify. Public schools test to identify students with learning differences
  who need Special Education services to succeed academically. Your request might be
  declined if your daughter's grades are proficient or above.
  Initiating Public School Testing and Sample Letter