



# BRIDGTON A C A D E M Y

## Academic Support Frequently Asked Questions

Transitioning from high school to a postgraduate school can present challenges, especially for students who are accustomed to receiving accommodations. The Academic Support Center is here to assist you as you navigate postsecondary academic services. Students and families usually have three main questions regarding academic support at Bridgton Academy:

### **1) Can I still get classroom accommodations at Bridgton Academy and, if so, how do I get them?**

With a copy of recent and complete testing (within the past three years is recommended, but it is required to be within the past five years), a Bridgton Academy student may have the opportunity to receive classroom accommodations. To pursue this option, a student must submit this testing to the Academic Support Center and set up a meeting to discuss appropriate accommodations based on the recommendations indicated in said testing.

While IEP and 504 plans are very helpful in this process, they alone are not enough to make a student eligible for classroom accommodations at the postsecondary level. It is also worth noting that accommodations available in high school may not be offered or appropriate at the postsecondary level; 504 plans and IEPs do not follow a student past high school.

Once a student has met with the Director of the Academic Support Center, he will receive letters of accommodation to give to his teachers. A student's teachers will know nothing about requested accommodations until the student discloses this information. Furthermore, teachers will do their best to honor these requested accommodations; however, they do have the right to alter or deny these requests, should they feel the integrity of an assignment or evaluation may be compromised. This process will need to be repeated during the second semester, as students will have new classes with new teachers.

### **2) Will I still get accommodations on the SAT/ACT?**

To receive accommodations on the SAT, a student must have an SSD number. This number needs to be shared with the Director of the Academic Support Center to transfer these accommodations to Bridgton Academy. The College Board categorizes Bridgton Academy as a high school, so a student's date of graduation will need to be updated to May of 2023 to keep the approved accommodations available for another year.

If a student has not applied for an SSD number through the College Board and wishes to do so, please inform the Academic Support Center as soon as possible as this process can take up to twelve weeks. To complete this application, a student will need recent, complete testing with clear recommendations of accommodations.

Accommodations for the ACT are also available; however, students must apply for them through the Director of Academic Support before each test is administered. Supporting documentation for ACT accommodations is required. This process should also be started as soon as possible to ensure ample time for approval of accommodations.

### **3) What academic support is available at Bridgton Academy?**

All students are encouraged to visit the Academic Support Center for help with time management, exam preparation, organization, note-taking, reading comprehension, project planning, exam anxiety, and more. The Writing Center and Math Lab are available to all students during study hall and at various times during the day to help with specific writing and math assignments. The Academic Support Center also provides a Focused Academic Coaching program. This highly structured program is built into a participating student's daily schedule, providing individual meetings with an academic coach in order to bolster academic skills, executive functioning, self-confidence, and accountability.

The team in the Academic Support Center is excited to work with you and looks forward to helping you throughout the year. The Center is warm, welcoming, and always stocked with snacks, coffee, and tea!

**Questions?** Contact Marie Meserve, Director of Academic Support at [mameserve@bridgtonacademy.org](mailto:mameserve@bridgtonacademy.org).