BRIDGTON ACADEMY
CLASS OF 2027

Academic Support FAQs

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

1) Am I still able to receive classroom accommodations at Bridgton Academy and, if so, how do I access them?

A Bridgton Academy student may have the opportunity to receive classroom accommodations with a copy of recent and complete testing. We recommend that testing be within the last three years, but it must be within the past five years. 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 your documented 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; IEPs and 504 plans do not follow a student beyond high school.

Once a student has met with the Director of Academic Support, they will receive letters of accommodation to give to their teachers. It is the student's responsibility to disclose their accommodation letters to each individual teacher. Teachers will work closely with students to honor requested accomodations that support the integrity of assignments and evaluations. Please note that 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 Academic Support 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 2027 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 the College Board can take up to twelve weeks to process this request. 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 Bridgton 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 for an additional $5,500 fee. 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. For more information on Focused Academic Coaching, please visit our page, or contact Jamie Dugan directly.

The Academic Support Center is a warm and welcoming place on campus and is always stocked with coffee, tea, and snacks. The team there is excited to work with you and looks forward to helping you throughout the year.

Questions?
Please contact Jamie Dugan, Director of Academic Support, at jdugan@bridgtonacademy.org, or (207) 647-2258.