



From the Academic Resource Center

Upper School Academic Support

The Upper School academic support program at ECS is designed to equip students with the tools necessary to experience success in our vigorous academic culture. In alignment with the school's mission and academic mission, our office aims to treat all students as image bearers, encourage excellence in academics and character, develop each student's intellectual gifts and passion for learning by using a strengths-based approach, and equip students to be successful, self-advocating learners at the high school level, in college, and beyond.

Levels of Support

Pre-Access- for any student that needs additional academic support but does not have a current psycho-educational evaluation on file

Access Level- for any student with a current psycho-educational evaluation on file that only needs in-class accommodations

Tier One- for any student with a current psycho-educational evaluation on file that needs both in-class **and** testing accommodations

Tier Two- for any student with a current psycho-educational evaluation on file that needs in-class accommodations, testing accommodations, and weekly executive function support with a learning specialist

Additional Services

Study Skills Plus course-

Basic Math-

ACT accommodations-

	Pre-Access	Access	Tier One	Tier Two
Evaluation Required	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Monthly Fee (x11 mo)	Free	Free	\$90	\$190
Study Skills Plus Class	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
In-Class Accommodations	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Testing Accommodations	No	No	Yes	Yes
Weekly E.F. Support	No	No	No	Yes
Accommodation Mtgs.	No	1x / yr	2x / yr	2x / yr
Monitoring of Grades	No	No	No	2x / quarter
ACT documentation*	Not Eligible	\$500*	Included	Included
Basic Math	\$500	\$500	\$500	Included

Pre-Access

- Free of charge
- No psycho-educational evaluation required
- Access to Study Skills Plus course
- Access to academic consultation with learning specialist during Zero Period (by request)
- Placement by parent request or teacher recommendation

Access Level

- Free of charge
- Current psycho-educational evaluation required (within 3 years)
- Access to Study Skills Plus course
- Annual meeting with parent, student, learning specialist to create accommodation plan
- Accommodations will be aligned with the diagnosis and recommendations of the evaluation and *may* include:

Scantron exemption	Alternate binder system approved	Preferential seating	Instructions in multiple formats
Support for sensory, attention issues	Typed homework assignments	Spelling not penalized	Behavioral cues established with teacher
Use of audiobooks	Use of graph paper/ vertical lines	Use of highlighters	Power Point from teachers

Tier One

- \$90/month (11 installments)
- Current psycho-educational evaluation required (within 3 years)
- Access to Study Skills Plus course
- Meeting with parent, student, learning specialist each semester to create/review accommodation plan
- Accommodations will be aligned with the diagnosis and recommendations of the evaluation and *may* include the following, in addition to any appropriate Access Level accommodations:

Testing with extended time in alternate setting	Alternate formatting of assessments	Chunking of tests as needed	Read-aloud or audio as needed
Use of scribe or dictation device	Answers typed instead of hand-written	Documentation for accommodations with ACT	ACT offered on-campus multiple times per year

Tier Two

- \$190/month (11 installments)
- Current psycho-educational evaluation required (within 3 years)
- Access to Study Skills Plus course
- Meeting with parent, student, learning specialist each semester to create/review accommodation plan
- Quarterly meetings with learning specialist to review learning styles and processing modalities, monitor grades, discuss teacher feedback, and check accommodations (parent invited)
- Weekly executive function support from learning specialist during study hall in individual or small-group setting
- Basic Math class included in cost
- Accommodations will be aligned with the diagnosis and recommendations of the evaluation and *may* include accommodations from both the Access Level and Tier One level of support.

Study Skills Plus course

- Free of charge
- Open to any academic support student
- Once enrolled, parent signature required to drop
- Once per week during student's study hall
- Purpose: to educate about the skills/practices of successful students; to equip students with practical tools to utilize both at ECS and in college; to encourage consistent implementation of these tools across subject areas
- Curriculum: organizational systems; time management tools; study skills; note-taking options; test preparation; test anxiety remedies; exam preparation; reading strategies; writing assistance

Basic Math courses

- Smaller teacher to student ratios, more flexible pace, higher level of support from teacher
- \$500/year*

*For any Tier Two students, enrollment in a Basic Math course will be free of charge.

ACT accommodations

The Academic Resource Center will submit documentation to request accommodations based on the ACT accommodations documentation policy below. There is a \$500 annual fee* that will be applied for any ACT accommodations requests and/or seats for testing with accommodations.

<https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/6368-ACT-Policy-for-Documentation-Web.pdf>

*For any Tier One or Tier Two students, the ACT accommodations fee is waived.