

Bishop McNamara
High School

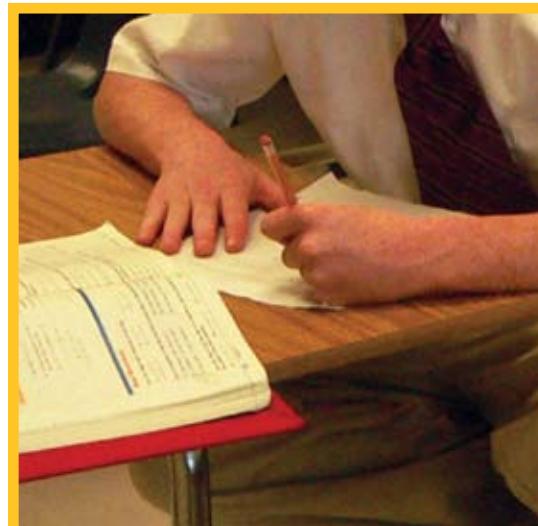
St. Joseph Program and Center



Mission and Philosophy

The St. Joseph program is designed to provide a positive, Catholic, college preparatory, educational, and social experience for a select group of students with learning differences.

The St. Joseph Center is staffed by highly qualified special education professionals who are dedicated to fostering maximum achievement in the demanding Bishop McNamara High School college preparatory program by promoting the skills and knowledge necessary to form intellectual autonomy.



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History

The St. Joseph Program and Center were established in 2010 to extend and formalize the support given to Bishop McNamara High School students with learning differences under the Director, Mrs. Elaine Greene. Mrs. Greene, a special educator with 18 years of experience, has worked in Maryland public schools as well as in private practice with previous BMHS students with learning differences.

The St. Joseph Program includes incoming 9th grade students admitted to Bishop McNamara High School with documented mild learning differences. Admission to the program requires the submission of recent psycho-educational testing along with application to the St. Joseph Program and application for admission to Bishop McNamara High School. Accepting 10-15 students annually, early application with complete documentation is encouraged.

The St. Joseph Center will provide accommodations to Bishop McNamara High School students after successful completion of the 9th grade year in the St. Joseph Program and as required in consultation with the Guidance Department.

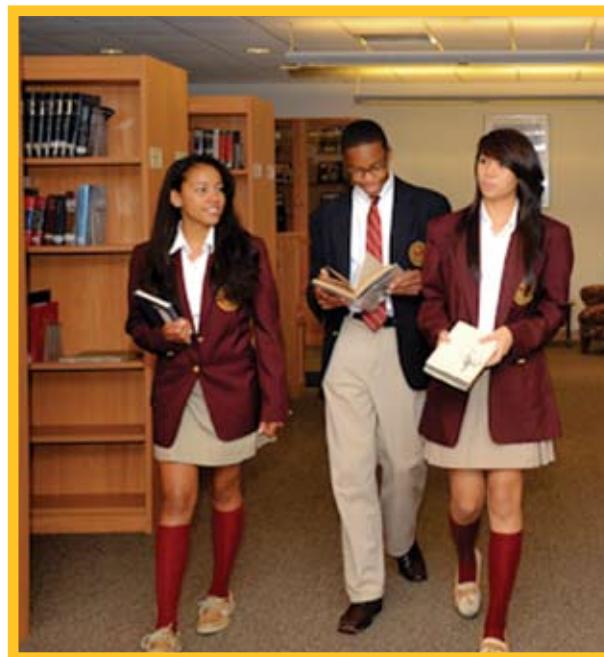
St. Joseph Center:

- Classroom is available for accommodations and interventions to be completed.
- Computers are available for student access
 - Study sessions and consultation with St. Joseph Center staff
- Located near the library/media center and guidance office

How Students Are Supported:

Center Support

- Teaching study skills and coping strategies
- Guiding students to develop self advocacy skills
- Monitoring progress
- Collaborating to utilize assistive technology
- Meta-cognitive awareness
- Teaching academic independence.



Classroom Support

- Implementation of intervention and accommodations
- Collaboration with teachers and St. Joseph Director to develop alternative learning strategies.
- Assisting students to achieve classroom success
- Summer classes to strengthen skills and to provide schedule flexibility

