

ST. URSULA ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM

Established in 1982, Saint Ursula Academy's Educational Services Program for girls with learning disabilities and ADD exemplifies the school's commitment to caring for the whole person and devising learning conditions for maximum achievement by each individual student in the program. Saint Ursula Academy offers each young woman the opportunity to develop her academic potential, regardless of race, socio-economic status, and physical or learning impairment. The emphasis of the Educational Services Program is to provide for the individual learning differences and learning styles of the student by teaching to her strengths while working with her weaknesses or limitations. The student develops an understanding of her strengths, limitations, and learning styles, as well as her individual rights and responsibilities. Students in St. Ursula Academy's Educational Services Program are mainstreamed into the college preparatory, honors, and Advanced Placement classes. The educational requirements of students in the Educational Services Program are identical to the educational requirements of their classmates. Program participants benefit from a number of special modifications and services that demonstrate St. Ursula's commitment to providing a successful college preparatory experience for girls with learning disabilities and ADD. The special modifications and services include tutoring, coursework support, textbooks on CD, Kurzweil reader, extended examination, testing, and quiz periods, oral examinations and tests, tests read by tutor, and the use of a digital recorder to record class notes.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Educational Services Program are

1. to provide a college preparatory education for girls with learning disabilities and ADD;
2. to provide for the individual learning differences and learning styles of the student by teaching to her strengths while working with her weaknesses;
3. to inform teachers of each student's disability and learning style and of classroom accommodations that will be made for the Educational Services Program student;
4. to provide the opportunity for each Educational Services Program student to achieve her academic potential through
 - a. daily coursework support
 - b. testing accommodations
 1. oral testing
 2. recorded tests
 3. extended quiz, test and exam periods
 4. extended time Ohio Graduation Tests, PSAT, SAT Reasoning and Subject, ACT, and AP tests
5. to provide academic and college advising to the Educational Services Program student;
6. to monitor and to consult with the faculty regarding the progress of the Educational Services Program student.

Students in the Educational Services Program are billed an additional \$2650 above the school tuition.

FRESHMAN YEAR SCHEDULE FOR A STUDENT IN THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM

Students in Saint Ursula Academy's Educational Services Program are mainstreamed into and have successfully completed the college preparatory, honors, and Advanced Placement classes. Four and one-half units of science; four units of English and religion; three and one-half of social studies, three units of foreign language and math; one unit of fine arts and health/physical education and one-half unit of computer science must be completed by the students in order to receive a college preparatory diploma from the Academy. The educational requirements of students in the Educational Services Program are identical to the educational requirements of their classmates. *The following sample schedule illustrates what a schedule might look like. Courses can and probably will take place in any of the four terms, not just the ones in which they appear on this sample schedule.*

	First Term	Second Term	Third Term	Fourth Term
Bell One	Religion	Religion 1	Algebra 1 / Algebra 1 H¹	Algebra 1 / Algebra 1 H¹
Bell Two	Literary Genres / Literary Genres H	Literary Genres/ Literary Genres H	American Citizenship	Europe & the Middle East
Bell Three	Geophysics/ Biology	Geophysics / Biology	Geophysics / Biology	Information Technology
Bell Four	ESP Tutorial	ESP Tutorial	ESP Tutorial	ESP Tutorial

¹ Students who test out of Algebra 1 enroll in Geometry/Geometry H their freshman year and are on the accelerated track for Calculus H/AP.

<h3>ADMISSION TO SAINT URSULA ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM</h3>

Eighth grade students seeking admission to Saint Ursula Academy's Educational Services Program must take the Entrance Test and submit the following to Ms. Geri Walsh, Educational Services Program Coordinator, by **November 2, 2009**:

1. An educational evaluation that has been completed within the past two years. The educational evaluation should consist of the following:
 - cognitive testing [WISC-III, IV or Woodcock-Johnson-III Cognitive Abilities Test with subtest scores]
 - educational achievement tests [Woodcock-Johnson-III or the Wechsler Achievement Tests] (*Other diagnostic tests, such as the Woodcock Reading Mastery Tests, the Test of Written Language and the Modern Language Aptitude Test are helpful.*)
 - description of the presenting problem and history, the functional limitations and specific recommendations for accommodations for class and testing [school-based and standardized].
2. Results of previous educational testing.
3. Recommendations from eighth grade teachers and tutor (if applicable) addressing the student's day-to-day skills, work habits, and motivation.
4. Grade school records:
 - a. Report cards from 6th and 7th grades and first quarter 8th grade
 - b. Report of standardized group achievement tests (e.g. Terra Nova).

If you are interested in applying to St. Ursula Academy's Educational Service Program, please contact Ms. Geri Walsh, Educational Services Program Coordinator at (513) 961-3410 Ext. 135, (513) 961-3856 [Fax], or gwalsh@saintursula.org.