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FAIRFIELD COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL POLICY STATEMENT ON LEARNING DISABILITIES

Fairfield College Preparatory School offers a very challenging curriculum designed to allow our students to compete at the most competitive colleges and universities in the country. While we do accept students with moderate learning disabilities, the extent to which we are able to modify our highly specialized curriculum while still maintaining the integrity of our academic offerings is limited.

Our academically challenging, college-preparatory environment may not be appropriate for every student. It is imperative that parents fully disclose pertinent information regarding their son's special learning needs during the admission application process, and subsequently to their son's guidance counselor. The counselor will share this confidential information with the student's teachers in a discreet manner to make reasonable accommodations that are consistent with the standards of our college-preparatory curriculum.

Parents of enrolled students are encouraged to enter into dialogue with Fairfield Prep's Guidance Department concerning their son's particular needs so that we can jointly ascertain, on an on-going basis, whether Fairfield Prep is the best academic environment in which he can develop to his fullest potential.

Fairfield Prep does offer several resources that may prove of some assistance for those students with diagnosed specific, moderate learning needs. Note that the demands and design of the curriculum, in conjunction with the school's schedule, do not permit us to implement all recommendations that may appear in a student's individualized educational plan (or equivalent instrument). Nevertheless, we do offer the following student support services:

- **Extended time**—up to 50%—on in-class tests and quizzes. Arrangements must be made between student and teacher.
- **Extended time**—up to 50%—on mid-year and final exams.
- Preferential seating to assist focus and concentration.
- Access to extra help by teachers during the 2:35 3:00 consultation period daily.
- Access to **peer tutors** through Fairfield Prep's Boughton Academic Center.
- Access to academic support through the services of the Boughton Academic Center.