

- *Academic Assistance*

Reading

This is a remedial course designed to teach basic literacy skills to students who are labeled at risk for failing the ELA 11 Regents Examination. Students are labeled at risk as the result of a poor performance on the NWEA/MAP testing; this testing is done three times yearly in order for the students to show progression and have the ability to test out of remedial courses. This course follows a curriculum that is aligned with the Common Core Standards and those skills required to do well on the ELA 11 Regents Examination. All daily lessons are research-based, which includes the use of the computer program Compass Learning. Compass Learning provides an individualized learning path for each student based on their NWEA/MAP testing. Students will be required to think and write critically using research-based literary strategies, as well as to participate in class discussions in accordance with the College and Career readiness standards. This interactive course provides students with multiple opportunities to read a variety of texts (including numerous genres) and respond to what they read in a meaningful way. Students will be taught to employ the literary strategies of a proficient reader and writer, as well as to take ownership of their learning process. Students are trained to take the skills learned in this course and use them to ensure success in their core academic classes.

Academic Intervention Service (AIS)

Academic enrichment instruction is designed to meet the needs of the individual student. The MAP test and NYS Regents Exams as well as informal assessments by the teachers will be used to identify each student's strengths and weaknesses in reading comprehension, vocabulary, composition, analysis and inquiry, and mathematical skills. The student will participate in small group activities and receive prescribed assignments designed to capitalize upon his/her strengths and to help develop those skills which need improvement. Students will focus on reading and writing strategies that directly apply to the Regent's examinations. Students will increase their achievement levels, positively impacting the proportion of students' school wide that receive a Regents diploma and increase their readiness for post-secondary education or employment.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Prep Math/ English

This elective course will cover selected topics from grades 9-12 and have a large emphasis on Algebra I topics and fundamental math skills. 20% of this course will encompass vocabulary and SAT terms. Test taking strategies and the overall format of the test will be covered. Essay writing WILL NOT be covered. A student will earn 1.0 credit upon successful completion of both these courses.

Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Preparation

ASVAB Preparation is a customized course designed to prepare a student for taking of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is one of the most widely used, multiple-aptitude tests in the world, developed and maintained by the Department of Defense.

The ASVAB consists of the following eight individual tests:

- General Science

- Arithmetic Reasoning

- Word Knowledge

- Paragraph Comprehension

- Mathematics Knowledge

- Electronics Information

- Auto and Shop Information

- Mechanical Comprehension

Students are provided with scores on each of these individual tests and three Career Exploration Score composites: Verbal Skills, Math Skills and Science and Technical Skills. The battery takes approximately three hours to complete, and test results are returned to schools in about two weeks.

The Military uses students' ASVAB scores to identify the occupations that best suit their abilities. Junior, senior and postsecondary school students can use their ASVAB scores for enlistment for up to two years after taking the test.

This ASVAB preparation course will guide the students through helpful hints and tactics in preparing and taking the ASVAB. The students will everyday go through practice tests and batteries in order to improve their skills in each of the ASVAB's individual tests. This is a one semester course.