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CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Lower School Student Support Services Information

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Mission: Teaching the way that they learn and trusting God to multiply our efforts.

Vision:

We want every child to know:

- You are loved.
- You are known.
- You are carefully and wonderfully made.
- You are essential.
- You can learn.

Goal : We strive to support students to strengthen developmental delays and learning deficits, as well as to accommodate any on-going exceptionalities. As much as possible we strive to help a student understand his/her learning style and strategies.

Description: Mount Pisgah Christian School / Lower School offers individualized student support that is tailored to a student's learning needs.

2019-20 Student Support Services Department

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Who?

If you believe that MPCS could be the place for your child, we would love to meet with you to hear about your student's academic needs. Our first concern is that your child receives the accommodations and interventions recommended for his/her needs. MPCS/LS offers both targeted interventions and on-going interventions, as well as accommodations to support students in a college-preparatory learning environment. Students are enrolled in Student Support Services per administrators' discretion.

What do you offer?

We offer individualized instruction plans with classroom accommodations for students with a professional evaluation and/or diagnosis. We offer programs with short-term targeted interventions and on-going interventions per administrators' discretion. Each year, the programs are tailored to meet the needs of the students enrolled in Student Support Services. For foundational reading skills, our students learn through [Wilson Foundations](#) in the classroom. Foundations is an explicit and systematic instruction of phonological awareness, phonics, and letter formation. For students who need additional support in these areas, we offer Wilson Foundations Double Dose at an additional cost.

In mathematics, we use multisensory instruction to incorporate hands-on learning. All students receive differentiated instruction, including occasional remediation. For students who need additional support, we offer Double Dose Math at an additional cost.

Is speech therapy or occupational therapy available?

We partner with specialists such as speech & language pathologists, occupational therapists, reading therapists, etc. on our campus. We can schedule your student's therapy sessions with your therapist during the school day or after school. For information about how to schedule a therapy session, please contact the Head of Lower School Student Support Services.

What services do you have for social and emotional support of students?

MPCS/LS is fortunate to have a wonderful lower school counselor who is available to talk with students, advise faculty and partner with parents. We do not provide on-going individualized counseling. Mount Pisgah does have [The Summit Counseling Center](#) as a part of our Mount Pisgah organization, which offers on-going, individualized student/family counseling. With the center right across the street from our school, families can easily take advantage of their excellent services.

How do I enroll my child in Student Support Services?

Students may enroll in Student Support Services in two different ways. If your child already has a professional evaluation, such as a speech evaluation, occupational therapy evaluation, educational psychological evaluation, and/or a medical diagnosis, he/she may be considered for services immediately. For students who begin to struggle, we have a referral process to better understand your student's needs and choose an appropriate intervention per administrators' discretion.

What is the cost?

Many of our services are no additional cost. We prepare instructional plans, differentiate instruction, monitor your child's progress, implement accommodations, partner with outside provider therapists, remediate through periodic interventions, and conduct referrals at no additional cost. Our Early Intervention Reading Program supports young readers in Kindergarten through Second Grade at no additional cost.

Additional instruction at the targeted intervention or on-going intervention level has an additional cost. For details about the cost, please contact the Head of Lower School Student Support Services, or Lower School Head of School.