Support Services

The Bishop Watterson support service staff includes all faculty, administrators and staff and specifically:

Director of Student Services: Casey Teeters, MPH, MSW-LSW
School Counselors: Heather Harrison
             Jamie Kirby, Chairperson
             Jenny Sponseller
College Counselor: Patti Creighton
Licensed Clinical Counselor: Chuck Bleakmore, M.A., LPCC-S
Student Wellness Counselor: Amanda Mensah, MSW, LSW
School Psychologist: Julie Sentelle, Ph.D
Intervention Specialists: Gina Bishop, Damion Faulkner, Teresa Frantz, Chris Vangas
School Nurse: Sarah Boiarski

General Academic Support for Students

♦ Teachers are available to work with students individually or in small groups before and after school.
♦ Teachers and math and English tutors are available in study halls to help students.
♦ Study Skills classes are offered annually with individual/group sessions as needed throughout the year.
♦ Math and writing tutors are available during study hall.
♦ Your child’s school counselor will work with your son or daughter individually or in small groups on academic, social and emotional, and career development. School counselors are available to work one-on-one with students on study skills, interventions, etc.
♦ Intervention Assistance Team (IAT) meetings are held for students experiencing academic difficulties.

Students with Documented Specific Learning Needs

Two Levels of Additional Support:

Academic Support Plan—This plan is based on a previous Support Plan from the grade school, physician and/or psychologist report, or result of IAT. This is a document that contains accommodations a student may utilize while attending Bishop Watterson High School, and does not extend to state and national standardized tests.

Individual Education Plan (IEP)—A student who has been identified as being eligible for special education by his/her public school district of residence may be eligible for an IEP through the Jon Peterson Scholarship. Bishop Watterson has four intervention specialists that implement the IEP by providing specially designed instruction during the student’s intervention lab period. These students also have accommodations. Our school psychologist is able to conduct the assessments and create a team to determine eligibility based on criteria set forth by the Ohio Department of Education.

Emotional Support for Students

Chuck Bleakmore, M.A., LPCC-S—Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor

Amanda Mensah, MSW—Clinical School Based Social Work, LSW—State of Ohio Licensed Social Worker, Ohio Department of Education - Licensed School Social Worker

Individual and Group Counseling in Relation to the following areas:

♦ Anxiety
♦ Depression
♦ Social Skills
♦ Crisis Intervention
♦ Drug and Alcohol Assessment and Treatment
♦ Mentoring
♦ Nontraditional Student and Family Support
♦ Parent Consultation and Support
♦ Referral to Community Partnership and Resources

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The Dominican Program

Bishop Watterson High School strives to offer an inclusive educational environment to meet the needs of all learners. We realize that this goal requires our families and school staff to work together in the best interest of each child. Our Dominican Program team, in collaboration with the teachers, provides additional resources and instruction to meet each student's specific needs.

The mission of the Dominican Program is focused on helping those students who need academic, developmental or emotional wellness support. The program’s overarching goal is to help students become successful in an environment rooted in Catholic faith formation and academic excellence.

Through a combination of funds including scholarship awards, tuition, federal and state money, and generous donors, we are able to provide an array of academic and personal support services.

**Intervention Lab**

Students identified as being eligible for specially designed instruction follow the same schedule as all BWHS students. In place of Study Hall, students attend Intervention Lab which is staffed with at least two Intervention Specialists per class period.

**Program Team**

The Dominican Program team includes school counselors, school psychologist, intervention specialists, classroom teachers and mental health counselors. All staff are made aware of the learning needs of students and are expected to collaboratively provide the best educational experience possible for our students.

“Without confidence and love, there can be no true education.”

St. John Bosco