

# STUDY SKILLS CENTER

## Academic Assistance Services

### STUDY SKILLS - FIRST SEMESTER

The Study Skills Center offers classes for all grades and addresses a wide range of abilities. Students receive help in any subject with which they are struggling. Emphasis will be on reading comprehension of materials in all curriculum areas. Mini-lessons will be presented on a wide variety of instructional skills and strategies.

Reading specialists present skills lessons that address skills that are necessary for success in all classes, such as: time management and organizational skills; test preparation strategies; detail writing from expository material and observations; cooperative reading-learning; using and interpreting graphics and visual aids (such as webs, cause-and-effect charts and outlines); vocabulary development; critical reading/thinking/writing; and, thematic and document based essay writing.

Small group targeted math instruction is conducted with practice for reinforcement to meet the individual needs of students.

Science support is also available to address specific science content.

All courses meet on alternating days or every day of the cycle for one semester and grading is on a Pass/Fail basis.

¼ unit of credit

No prerequisite

### STUDY SKILLS - SECOND SEMESTER

*See above description.*

¼ unit of credit

No prerequisite

### FOCUS Academy

The FOCUS Academy is a program designed to provide academic support to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students for whom learning in larger classroom settings is often more challenging. Students in the FOCUS program meet for two consecutive periods each day and receive support from content area teachers. A Study Skills teacher will present mini-lessons on a wide variety of instructional skills and strategies. In addition to support provided by content area teachers and the Study Skills teacher, the FOCUS Academy successfully employs pre-teaching and re-teaching strategies, as well as providing smaller group instruction to foster academic independence.

Prerequisite: FOCUS Team approval