



## **The Program for Academic Success**

The Marin School celebrates and encourages diverse thinking and learning, and offers a unique program for students with learning differences who need access to a modified curriculum.

Our Program for Academic Success is for students with diagnosed learning differences who need specialized support in one or more areas of study to be academically successful in a college preparatory curriculum.

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Director of Learning Services**

## ***The Program for Academic Success at The Marin School***

### **The PAS Advantage:**

- Daily support from the Learning Services Team who work directly with faculty members across all subjects
- Fluid evaluation of your student's academic progress
- Management of qualified accommodations
- Skill-building in key areas like executive functioning - including note taking, time management, self-advocacy and organization
- Direct instruction in study skills needed to be successful throughout high school and beyond
- Supported access to assistive technology

The Marin School's **Program for Academic Success (PAS)** recognizes that students with learning differences have exceptional strengths as well as challenges, and is designed to help build confidence in their capabilities for success. PAS courses give these students the opportunity for learning and skill-building, through access to rigorous curriculum by way of appropriate accommodations and modifications.

PAS works for students who are motivated, eager to learn, and ready to participate fully in our school community. Receiving support from this program is just one aspect of a student's high school experience at TMS.

Students in the program receive extra support from the learning center, but have every opportunity to make their impact in **all** areas of TMS campus life:  
**PAS Students in the Community**

Clubs  
Field trips  
Fall Trips  
Arts Electives  
Academic Electives

Freshman and Senior Seminars  
Sports teams  
Student Leadership  
Honor Roll & Academic Awards  
Outside the Walls

To learn more about how this program will support your student, we invite you to arrange a one-on-one virtual meeting **Chanel Nijmeh**, TMS's Director of Learning Services.

To schedule your one-on-one meeting, go to [bit.ly/TMSPAS2021](https://bit.ly/TMSPAS2021), or contact us at [cnijmeh@themarin.org](mailto:cnijmeh@themarin.org) to arrange a time.



## **Sample Schedules for PAS Students:**

**The Program for Academic Success is designed to be as inclusive as possible.**

**While reading and writing support takes place in small-group settings within the Learning Center, most PAS students receive instruction and modified assignments within our college prep classes.**

### **9th grade:**

#### **Full Support**

Advisory  
Algebra 1A  
Club, Sports  
English Skills 1  
Freshman Seminar  
Intro Humanities  
Intro Biology  
American Sign Language  
Study Hall

### **10th grade**

#### **(Math Support)**

Algebra 1B  
Chemistry  
Club, SLC  
Drama  
English 2  
Fabrication Lab  
Modern World History  
P.E. (Alternative)  
Study Hall

### **11th grade**

#### **(Some Support)**

Advisory  
Club, SLC  
Drawing & Painting  
English Skills 3  
Geometry  
Intro to US History  
American Sign Language 2  
Supported Study Hall  
Zoology

### **9th grade:**

#### **(Some Support)**

Advisory  
Club, Scriptwriting  
English 1  
Freshman Seminar  
Geography  
Intro Biology  
Algebra 2  
Spanish 1  
Study Hall

### **10th grade**

#### **(Transfer Student)**

Advisory  
Intro Geometry  
English Skills 2  
Club, SLC  
Fabrication Lab  
Intro to Modern World  
History  
Passion Project  
Study Hall  
Writing Skills 2

### **12th grade**

#### **(Some Support)**

Advisory  
American Sign Language 2  
Intro American Government  
Club, Dystopian Books  
Drawing & Painting  
Economics  
English Skills 4  
Environmental Science  
Statistics  
Study Hall

### **How will enrollment in PAS affect my student's path to college?**

At The Marin School 100% of our students are college-bound, including students in the Program for Academic Success. However, PAS courses offer a modified curriculum (modifications that go beyond accommodations in standard classes). Classes with modified content do not meet the A - G standards set by University of California / California State University system. Depending on your student's individual needs, modified courses could include any core subject your student takes at The Marin School. Although modified courses can affect student's eligibility for CSU or UC schools, students with unique learning profiles may find these schools are not the best fit for their needs. There are myriad post-secondary options for neurodiverse students that remain available to students enrolled in PAS.

**Will my student remain in the Program for Academic Success throughout their high school career?** Some students are able to move from the Program for Academic Success to the standard curriculum if the TMS team believes it would be beneficial to the student. This option will be evaluated at the semester grading period, or at the end of the academic year. The decision to transition a student from PAS is based upon a student's level of academic growth and development of study skills and self-advocacy skills. Upperclassmen in the program may no longer receive a modified curriculum, but will remain enrolled in PAS to receive the extra support from the learning services team.

