

PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDENT NEEDS

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GIFTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCED LEARNERS (GOAL)

The GOAL program gives gifted students a chance to explore other areas of interest beyond the regular course of studies.

Students qualify for the program through a screening/identification process which involves individually rating students in these four areas:

- Aptitude/ability test scores
- Achievement test scores
- Gifted/Talented Evaluation Scale (GATES)
- Individual IQ Testing

The secondary GOAL program (9-12) is designed to provide enrichment to meet the needs of students with diverse interests and advanced levels of skill in various disciplines. This program is also designed to assist students with career and college decisions and expand cultural horizons.

Students make personal decisions about activities for participation and register for those of particular interest. Activities are scheduled during the school day, and students make up class work through appropriate arrangements with their teachers.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM (ES)

NAI	No. 0256 Social Skills 9
	No. 0257 Social Skills 10
NASH	No. 0320

North Allegheny provides special education services for students with mental health needs which impact their ability to progress through the curriculum. Small class sizes and an individually prescribed program are offered to assist students to maximize their learning opportunities. Students are individually tested for this program, and an Individual Educational Program (IEP) is cooperatively designed by the student, Emotional Support (ES) teacher, parent, regular education teacher, Local Education Agency (LEA) Representative, and District personnel. This program often includes Social Work services, weekly building level meetings of the support team to review student progress, and the development of a Positive Behavioral Support Plan to provide the student with a range of supports and interventions.

HEARING IMPAIRED PROGRAM (HI)

NAI	No. 0204	Resource Sem 1
	No. 0205	Resource Sem 2
	No. 0206	Resource FY/PT
NASH	No. 0304	Resource Sem 1
	No. 0305	Resource Sem 2
	No. 0306	Resource FY/PT

The Hearing Impaired Program provides students with a mild to profound hearing impairment with an education to develop optimum communication skills through sequential language acquisition and academic support.

A multi-disciplinary evaluation is conducted when students are being considered for this program. Once the evaluation is completed and services are recommended, an Indi-

vidual Educational Program (IEP) is cooperatively designed by the student, Hearing Impaired (HI) teacher, parents, and regular education teacher, Local Education Agency (LEA) Representative, and District personnel. Students may receive services full-time, supplemental or itinerant support, depending on need. They will be provided with all necessary supports to assist them to access the curriculum successfully, including FM amplification, sign language interpreters, speech/language support, and other accommodations. Other support services can be provided based on student need.

LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAM (LS)

The Learning Support Program serves students identified as having a specific learning disability, students with mild or moderate retardation, neurological impairments, autism, and students with other health impairments. Students are scheduled into classes based upon their current educational levels and needs; the program offers specialized instruction and individualized learning goals and objectives. Enrollment in the program requires individual testing and meeting of set criteria. An Individual Educational Plan (IEP) is cooperatively designed by the student, LS teacher, parent, regular education teacher, Local Education Agency (LEA) Representative, and District personnel. Students may receive services in the Learning Support classroom for direct content instruction, resource, reading/study skills, or other academic areas as outlined in the IEP.

ENGLISH

NAI	Grade 9	No. 0215
	Grade 10	No. 0216
NASH	Grade 11	No. 0362
	Grade 12	No. 0363

This course is designed for students that continue to need direct instruction in the area of written language as determined by the IEP team. The content of the course is based on the needs of the students as identified in their Individual Education Program.

MATHEMATICS

NAI	Grade 9	No. 0211
	Grade 10	No. 0212
NASH	Grade 11	No. 0326
	Grade 12	No. 0327

This course is designed for students that continue to need direct instruction in the area of mathematical computation and problem-solving as determined by the IEP team. Course content is based on the needs of the students as identified in their Individual Education Program.

RESOURCE

NAI No. 0201 FY/PT
 No. 0202 Sem 1
 No. 0203 Sem 2
NASH No. 0301 FY/PT
 No. 0302 Sem 1
 No. 0303 Sem 2

Resource is a directed study period for students with an IEP. Students are assisted with application of study strategies, organizational skills, test preparation, and review of academic materials.

READING I & II

NAI Grades 9, 10 No. 0109 Reading FY
 No. 0110 Reading FY/PT
 No. 0112 Reading 9 Sem
 No. 0115 Reading 10 Sem

This course is offered for students who continue to need direct instruction in reading. The goal of reading is to improve each student's level of comprehension. Phonetic elements and structural analysis skills may be introduced or reviewed to improve or expand decoding skills to multi-syllabic words. Directed reading lessons are presented to improve vocabulary comprehension and passage comprehension.

STUDY SKILLS

NAI Grades 9, 10 No. 0113

The goal of the Study Skills class is to introduce and practice learning strategies which will help students become more efficient, effective, independent learners. Units of study include organization of materials, test preparation techniques, how to improve reading comprehension, and tips for test-taking.

SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE/HEALTH

NAI Grade 9 No. 0118
 Grade 10 No. 0119

This course is designed to provide practical information needed to become independent in modern society. Units cover topics related to social agencies and conditions which affect student's lives. Current events and government are also covered. Science units deal with an understanding of biological, ecological, and practical application of scientific knowledge to daily living. Strong emphasis is placed on personal safety, use of public agencies for self advocacy, and the development of independent living skills. Health components include areas of daily living, medical and first aid needs and procedures, personal relationships, and drug and alcohol use and abuse. Health education has been coordinated with the general curriculum and is adapted to the needs of the students.

DAILY LIVING SKILLS

NASH Grade 11 No. 0391
 Grade 12 and Beyond No. 0391

This course is designed to provide instruction in the area of independent living in order to prepare for practical experiences in the world outside of the high school environment. Topics relate to self-help skills, housekeeping skills, and food preparation skills. Practical, hands-on application of all skills is provided. Flexible scheduling may be provided to accommodate for vocational experiences during this time.

ADVANCED READING I & II

NASH Grades 11, 12 No. 0367

This course is geared for students who are not reading on grade level, have not met proficiency on the PSSA and /or who need to develop reading competencies which will enable them to understand complex texts. The curriculum includes aligning objectives to State Standards (competencies which students are expected to meet and demonstrate on the PSSA), and to remediate individual skill deficiencies in the areas of fluency, reading comprehension, and interpretation of literature.

LEARNING STRATEGIES

NASH Grades 11, 12 No. 0368

The course curriculum is based on the many college programs which are teaching the skills necessary to complete college level work: college level reading skills, time management, note-taking skills, listening skills for a lecture, text book reading, test preparation skills, and test taking skills.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM at BEATTIE

NAI, NASH No. 0399

The Beattie Academic Program offers selected students an opportunity to experience success in a setting which will promote improved self-esteem, increased academic progress, consistent school attendance, and a positive attitude toward education. Placement in the Beattie Academic Program will be based on a thorough review of each case. Potential students are identified and screened at the home school by counselors or principals. Candidates are then reviewed by the Pupil Personnel Team and an interview is arranged for students, parents, and District personnel.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

North Allegheny offers a team of teachers, counselors, nurses, and building administrators to assist students who are experiencing problems which may be interfering with their learning. Team members have been trained to gather and assess data and make appropriate recommendations for remediating learning problems. Students with chemical use and dependency or other problems can receive assistance through this program.

Students can refer themselves for help, or they can be referred by parents, teachers, or other school personnel.

OTHER STUDENT NEEDS PROGRAMS

The North Allegheny School District also offers assistance to students with visual-impairments and physical disabilities. Specific accommodations and supports are based on individual needs to aid students in meeting course requirements.

Students who have difficulty in these areas should consult with their School Counselors.

The North Allegheny School District employs certified school psychologists, who provide consultative and/or direct services to District students, parents, Administrative, and professional staff members.
