

### SUPPORT

#### THE LEARNING DIFFERENCES

LIFT (Learn, Inspire, Focus and Teach) is a program for students with diagnosed learning differences such as ADHD or dyslexia. Students may have a dedicated class in their weekly schedule with a trained faculty member who will provide direct instruction in executive functioning skills, organization and time management, and developing learning independence and will work with the students' teachers to create appropriate accommodations. The LIFT department manages LIFT students' accommodations, making sure they receive the structure necessary to be academically successful.



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There are several levels of academic support at The Webb School. Each student has a faculty adviser who follows his/her academic progress and communicates with teachers and home. Extra Help is offered every afternoon with individual teachers who provide subject-specific tutoring and assistance. The Study Center is available as a class and teaches study skills, test-taking skills, and preparation for ACT/SAT testing.

In addition to these opportunities, students may qualify for LIFT learning support classes and accommodations. LIFT is a program for students with a specific learning diagnosis. In LIFT classes, students receive instruction and practice with skills which will help them develop learning independence. They also receive appropriate accommodations to support their academic success in subject specific classes.

## Academic Support and the Webb LIFT program

We strive to foster increasing levels of independence in our students as they progress toward graduation and attempt to provide the appropriate level of support along the way to help each student succeed. LIFT stands for Learn, Inspire, Focus and Teach. Students in LIFT will learn how to learn, be inspired to be their best academic self, focus on learning and be taught strategies to be solid students. Each of these components is part of the organization of the LIFT classroom.

Using reasonable accommodations, LIFT students participate in regular school coursework. The LIFT learning specialist works with the students' teachers to create Webb-appropriate accommodations. With the support of the LIFT learning specialists, students are encouraged to take ownership of their academic responsibilities and successes and grow as a student through the LIFT program. Another benefit of LIFT is the opportunity to file for accommodations for College Board and ACT testing with appropriate documentation to help students qualify.

# LIFT course options

Tier 1 LIFT students receive hands on instruction in a LIFT class which includes such learning skills as time management and executive functioning. The goal is for them to use accommodations and LIFT instruction to develop independence in their learning.

Tier 2 LIFT students are typically those who have previously been in LIFT class but are ready to embrace independence in their learning. They may still use accommodations which are managed and administered through the LIFT department.

## LIFT course description

In order to facilitate student achievement at Webb, a trained Webb teacher works individually or in small groups with the limited number of Webb students who have documented learning differences. The teacher provides direct instruction in executive functioning skills and study skills and works with the students' teachers to create Webb appropriate accommodations.