

Back to School Night

The Bridge Program

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Bridge Staff

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What is Bridge?

- Bridge is a special education program for students in grades 9-12 who are on an IEP for a primary emotional disability
- Bridge students are scheduled to the Bridge room for their strategies blocks where they receive a combination of academic and emotional support
- Bridge is open every block of the day and Bridge students are allowed to access Bridge any time if they are in need of additional support or a break

What is Bridge?

- Bridge staff work closely with teachers to ensure each student's accommodations are being implemented. Many students use the Bridge room as a separate setting location for tests/quizzes.
- Most students will utilize Bridge throughout their high school career, unless the student's IEP Team determines they no longer need Bridge services

Bridge: Clinical Services

- 1-1 check ins with students, as scheduled per IEP and as needed
- Consult with outside providers such as therapists, psychiatrists, and other agencies as relevant and appropriate
- Connecting with guidance counselors and teachers to ensure any therapeutic supports the student needs in the classroom are being communicated and implemented
- Direct parent communication
- Liaison between home, school, and school-based extracurriculars
- Referrals

Bridge: Academic Services

- Scheduled academic support blocks (“strategies”)
- Regular consults with general education teachers
- Facilitate communication between students and their teachers
- We have access to Google Classroom so we have a sense of what is going on in all classes!
- Learning Assistants provide in class support and help with work outside of class
- We use the “Remind” so we can get in touch with students about assignments, teacher meetings, or anything else that comes up! Students can also use it to communicate with us.
- Students can use their accommodations for assessments (ie separate setting and extended time) in Bridge

Additional Homework Help

Monday-Thursday, 3:20-4:20. Room 4.

Open to all students at Weston High School.

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