



## PILLARS **JUNIOR HIGH** PROGRAM

- Available to students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Enrolled in “Study Skills” our PILLARS educational support class (elective)
- Screening assessments for admissions and to aide in development of accommodations
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- Weekly study skills and strategy implementation lessons
- Efficient use of weekly agendas (with daily lists) to support homework completion
- Specifically prepared study guides and review sessions for tests in core classes
- Classroom tests, including midterms and finals, are taken in a small, supportive environment with accommodations as recommended by the support team
- Personalized academic goals and accommodations plan developed for each student
- Accommodations and training given to regular education teacher to enhance classroom learning
- Support for writing, research, and project completion
- Use of assistive technology (computers, ipads, etc.) as needed
- Specific computer software programs and other ‘support’ materials to strengthen areas of learning challenges; individually designed for each student
- Weekly monitoring and goal coaching to encourage personal responsibility for learning and grade improvement
- Development of intrinsic motivation activities, such as individualized goal setting and ‘vision boards’
- Social skills support by PILLARS staff (as needed)
- Frequent communication between classroom teachers, home, and PILLARS facilitating accountability and follow through
- Class size is limited to provide small group setting for learning
- Support the same curriculum as the Rock Academy with supplemental learning materials, re-teaching, and scaffold instruction to strengthen areas of focus
- After school tutoring to complete assignments and study for tests