Middle School Learning Support

At the Middle School Level, students may benefit from Learning Support in a variety of ways:

- **Assistance in time management, organization, study skills, test-taking strategies, balancing of workload, or academic coaching.**
  
  Many students benefit from looking at their own learning through different perspectives. Some of the ways our office can provide support are to help a student strengthen reading and writing skills, learn how to alleviate stress before a testing situation, or how to organize notes and homework to enhance memory and comprehension.

- **Transitional support for those new to Hockaday or moving from Lower School in managing new courses and increased expectations.**
  
  A student new to our school or to the Middle School may benefit from assistance in learning to manage Hockaday’s 6-day rotational schedule, use of Haiku, trimester grading and performance expectations. Together with the advisor, teachers, and other support personnel and administrators, we can help to facilitate or coordinate assistance as needed.

- **Coordination and balance of workload, if injured, such as concussion, or experiencing an extended illness.**
  
  Hockaday students do sometimes experience injury or extended illness. Our office together with the Health Office works to ensure that a student in these situations has a plan in place to recover physically and with her teachers and advisory to ensure she can also do so academically.

- **Provision of academic accommodation plan for classroom use and standardized testing when a documented learning challenge exists.**
  
  A student may receive accommodations within the Hockaday program to assist with equal access to learning if a documented challenge to learning is present. A medical or psychoeducational testing battery is required and must be provided before an accommodation plan can be written and implemented. In our Middle School we provide support for students with accommodations according to student need:

  - **Middle School Learning Lab-** Students may participate in a skills-based classroom led by our Middle School Learning Specialist in addition to receiving general classroom accommodations;
  
  - **Classroom Support-** Students may receive support and monitoring of accommodations provided through general classroom settings only.