

Genesee Academy **Special Educational Needs / Inclusive Education Policy**

Genesee Academy supports the inclusion of all students in its academic programs. All students in grades six through ten participate in the Middle Years Programme. Genesee Academy supports “inclusion as an ongoing process to increase access and engagement in learning for all students” (MYP: From Principles into Practice).

However, due to the capacities and limitations of the small, private school structure, the school is unable to offer all resources necessary to meet the needs of students with extreme physical or learning disabilities. Genesee Academy is not equipped or staffed to provide services for students who have special needs or require special educational methods or systems.

Genesee Academy provides the following services to support the needs of its students:

- English Language Learner Support Services as contracted with the Genesee Intermediate School District
- Speech and Language Support Services as contracted with Swartz Creek School District
- Title I support service interventions, which include tutoring support, contracted with multiple local neighboring districts within Genesee County
- Special Education Support Services contracted with Swartz Creek School District

Review of Policy

Genesee Academy’s Special Educational Needs/ Inclusive Education Policy will be reviewed annually at the initial orientation week at the beginning of the school year. Administration and MYP teachers will be involved in this review. The review will be guided by IB literature and effective teaching practices. Parent and student feedback will also be considered in this review.