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One of the many amenities Ida Crown offers is Academic Support, a program implemented into Ida Crown life that offers extra help and support to any academic challenge a student might face. Academic Support has played a major role in assisting me in achieving a successful high school career and is run by four main educators: Mrs. Ann Dee Holland, Mrs. Shelley Stopek, Mrs. Caryn Engel, and Mrs. Reagan Goldstein.

Students have open access to any resources offered through the Academic Support program which is located in the library of Ida Crown right next to the Librarian's desks. The Academic Resource room offers a quiet space to take tests, work on homework, or meet with teachers. In addition, any assistance a student may need with homework or in a particular class can be discussed with the Academic Support staff. Free Math tutoring is offered through a third-party math tutor brought in by Academic Support, and private tutoring can be done in the Academic Support office.

The staff of Academic Support is what really makes this program so incredible. Mrs. Holland, Director of Academic Services, provides guidance with any academic issue. Mrs. Holland helps students communicate with teachers, manage workload, and discuss any issue concerning any courses. Mrs. Engle and Mrs. Goldstein assists students with any issue they may be facing in an English course including writing, grammar, or proof reading. Finally, Mrs. Stopek assists students with any issue they may be facing with Judaic studies. Students can seek help from Mrs. Stopek concerning the Hebrew language, Navi, and Chumash.

One of the greatest attributes about Academic Support is how easily accessible it is, and how versatile the staff can be when assisting a student. Any student is welcome to come in

during their free periods for guidance on any school matter, and each member of the Academic Support staff will tailor themselves to the students' needs. The staff of Academic support help students create relationships with teachers and help improve skills by assisting in difficult areas of their education.

I have personally been through many “resource” or “extra assistance” programs before I came to Ida Crown, but none of them can compare to the guidance, structure, and assistance I have received from Academic Support. The staff creates a feeling of warmth and interest in each student that seeks their assistance. Many other programs I’ve been a part of left me feeling small and incapable, but, the educators of Academic Support not only assisted me, they taught me how to overcome challenges. The skills I have been taught by Academic support are ones I will continue to use throughout my life- whether through continued education- or through the many lessons of life.