

Superintendent and Staff Report

Academic Supports for Students

District 161 is reinstating the following programs to support students during remote learning and throughout the remainder of the school year as in-person learning returns: Tutoring and Academic Assistance.

Teachers who apply and are approved for the position will be assigned to a student in need of academic support. This individual is not necessarily the student's classroom teacher. Through consistent check-ins, the teacher will work to build a positive rapport with the student while helping the student set goals and navigate day-to-day responsibilities. Check-ins will take place in-person (or virtually on occasion) with ongoing communication occurring through Schoology messenger.

Reteaching, homework help, and connecting the student to other appropriate supports will be provided. Weekly communication with classroom teachers and parents will be maintained.

Teachers who apply and are approved for the position will be assigned students to work with. (The goal is to keep small groups of 6-10 students, however, numbers may fluctuate based upon student needs.) The student will remain in this program for a number of weeks until they show progress toward their individualized goal. A review will take place every 4-6 weeks (or at the midterm), however the teacher may be changed at any time to help maintain a positive rapport and/or gain a fresh perspective. The program is anticipated to run until the end of the school year.

The stipend holder will be paid at the contracted stipend rate for forty minutes per day (3:00-3:40 during remote learning), four days throughout the week. Times will be adjusted when returning to in-person learning. Students will attend 1-4 days based upon need.

Students in need of academic support will be identified by each school and notification will go out in early January 2021. Teachers will begin meeting with students virtually to start building a positive rapport and to discuss expectations during the week of January 11, 2021. In-person sessions will begin the week of January 19, 2021. Transportation will be the responsibility of the family.