

Hello, and welcome to Coleman Junior/Senior High - our names are Nicole Howdyshell and Brooke Hessling, we are the special education teachers here at Coleman Jr/Sr High. Mrs. Howdyshell support students in both Math (8-12th) and English (7th) and Mrs. Hessling supports students in English (8th-12th).

Special Education looks different at the junior/senior high than it did at the elementary level. Students are in the general education classrooms with their peers for every subject. There will be a special education teacher placed within the math and English classes for support. Students who receive special education support and services are required to complete the same work that the general education students are assigned. Special education students will be graded on their assignments, just as their peers, as well. Once students hit the junior/senior high, students are working towards a diploma and per Michigan law, all students are required to complete the same courses in order to receive that diploma. If you have questions about this, or if you are unsure if your child is on a diploma track or certificate of completion track, please ask, we are here to help!

Students who receive support will be in the general education classroom for all instruction. Students may be pulled after instruction is given for a more in-depth review of the material. Students also have the option to complete tests and quizzes in the resource room. Students will be assessed and monitored and may be pulled during their seminar time for more help on specific topics and content. This will not affect their seminar grade and they will be excused for the day(s) they miss.

Students are required to come to every class prepared. For math they will need a notebook as they will be taking notes, daily. These notes will help them complete the assignments for the day. Students should be prepared to have homework every night. They will have some class time to work, and if they focus, it is possible that they can finish their work, however, many students do not use their time wisely and will bring homework home. They will need a folder to keep their papers in as well as a pencil. No pens.

For English they will need a folder to keep papers in, a pencil and a book. We will use the library. One of the major grades in English class are reading reports, reading reports are due about every 3 weeks and are a large portion of their grade – 7th through 12th grade. If students do not complete the reading reports, they will have a hard time passing the class.

For online resources –Math - 8th graders will have access to their books, videos and worksheets through their textbook. For other math questions, check out Khanacademy.com for videos and practice on many subjects.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to another year!

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