

What is the Academic Peers Program?

The Academic Peers Program is a relatively new program at MVHS. The goal of the program is to create a student support network within each class and celebrate academically supportive and kind individuals on campus. Teachers will nominate students in each of their class periods to be Academic Peers. Those students will then be notified and invited to attend the training program. Once they complete the training, they will then be a certified academic peer and be ready to help their classmates. Students should utilize them as a resource.

Why was the Academic Peers Program created?

MVHS created this program because they saw the value of having students help each other out and bring a positive attitude to class each day. They wanted to encourage and celebrate these contributions to creating a better learning environment. Teachers believe this skill of creating a friendly atmosphere within a group setting will be extremely critical in future workplaces and higher education institutions. Because of the competitive atmosphere and culture in our greater community, students often have a lack of empathy for each other and feel pressure to continuously be high achieving. Students often feel like they can not ask for help or ask questions because they have a fear of being judged. This has a large impact on their learning and can prevent them from growing.

What gap is the program filling?

Many students have expressed that they feel like a burden when they ask the teachers questions or interrupt the flow of the class because they are confused. Having academic peers in each class will allow them to have a safe person to ask questions and not feel like they are slowing down the class or being a burden to anyone. This will help students be more engaged in class and excel because they are able to better understand the material and follow along during class.

How can I become an Academic Peer?

Teachers nominate students to become Academic Peers. You will receive an email after your nomination to attend the training. Once you complete the training, you will officially be an academic peer.

What do Academic Peers do?

Academic Peers will be helpful, welcoming, encouraging, and kind individuals who go above and beyond in a subject. They will make it clear that they are a safe space where students can come to ask questions or get back on track when they do not understand a topic in class. They will not act as tutors or give students the answers. They will simply guide them during class and help them achieve an understanding of the material.

How can I ask for help from my class Academic Peer?

Academic Peers will introduce themselves to the class after they are trained. Once you know who the academic peer is in your class, you can go up to them and ask them questions when you are confused. They will be happy to help you and we strongly suggest that you use them as a resource to succeed in your classes.

Who can I ask questions about the program?

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