

# The Special Education Department

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Curriculum Night



# Leaders of the Department

- Kathleen DeLisi  
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# Special Education Programs at FHS

1. Learning Center
2. Phoenix Program
3. Applied Level Classes
4. Inclusion Classes



# Glimpse at the Learning Center



- The Learning Program at Framingham High School is a program designed for students on the Autism Spectrum. Most of the students have severe disabilities. This program works on life and functional skills.
- Lead Teacher is Natalya Mains
- These students will not take the MCAS and will graduate with a Certificate of Completion.

# Learning Center Curriculum



- Functional Math
- Functional English
- Functional History
- Functional Science
- Functional Life Skills
- Functional Health
- Functional Reading
- Integrated Electives

**These courses  
are for students  
in the Learning  
Center Program  
only!**

# Leader of the Phoenix Department

- Andrew Benedetti  
Phoenix Program Chair



- Phoenix Staff
  - Two Behavior Specialists
  - Two Social Workers
  - Four Academic Teachers
  - Two Teaching Assistants

# Phoenix Department



Students of the *Phoenix* program present with a variety of emotional and social impairments. The program modifies the syllabus, which is representative of the general education curriculum adapting for pace, depth, and workload. Behavior management strategies are strength-based that strive to focus on the students' abilities and to teach the skills necessary for academic success and the development of positive, reciprocal relationships.

# Phoenix Course Selection



## **Phoenix History:**

- Phoenix Modern World History
- Phoenix US History I
- Phoenix US History II

## **Phoenix Science:**

- Phoenix Biology
- Phoenix Biology II

## **Phoenix Electives:**

- Phoenix Health
- Phoenix Freshmen Seminar
- Phoenix Life Skills
- Phoenix Film Study
- Phoenix Human Diseases
- The 1960's Through Music

## **Phoenix English:**

- Phoenix English 9
- Phoenix English 10
- Phoenix English 11-12

## **Phoenix Math:**

- Phoenix Algebra I
- Phoenix Geometry
- Phoenix Algebra II

**These courses  
are for students  
in the Phoenix  
Program only!**





# Phoenix Program Outlook

## Course Sequence

### Grade 9

- Phoenix English 9
- Phoenix Algebra 1
- Phoenix Modern World
- Phoenix Biology Part 1
- Phoenix Freshman Seminar
- Phoenix Health
- Phoenix Film Study
- Phoenix Human Diseases
- The 1960's Through Music
- 20<sup>th</sup> Century Art

### Grade 10

- Phoenix English 10
- Phoenix Geometry
- Phoenix US History 1
- Phoenix Biology Part 2
- Phoenix Film Study
- Phoenix Human Diseases
- The 1960's Through Music
- 20<sup>th</sup> Century Art

### Grade 11

- Phoenix English 11
- Phoenix Algebra 2
- Phoenix US History II
- Phoenix Film Study
- Phoenix Human Diseases
- The 1960's Through Music
- 20<sup>th</sup> Century Art

### Grade 12

- Phoenix English 12
- Phoenix Film Study
- Phoenix Human Diseases
- The 1960's Through Music
- 20<sup>th</sup> Century Art
- Phoenix Career Development

# The Applied Program



The Special Education Department provides specially designed instruction to meet the unique needs of students with disabilities. Students eligible for Special Education services have Individualized Educational Programs that can include both Special Education and Regular Education courses. The primary goal of the department is to support and encourage maximum student involvement in regular education courses to the extent appropriate. Students who have a specific learning disability in a specific content area will be eligible to take an academic course at the Applied Level.

# Applied Level Classes



## **English Courses:**

- Applied English I
- Applied English II
- Applied American Literature
- Applied World Literature

## **Math Courses:**

- Applied Algebra I
- Applied Geometry
- Applied Algebra II
- Applied Consumer Math

## **History Classes:**

- Applied Modern World
- Applied US History 1

## **Science Classes:**

- Applied Biology Part 1
- Applied Biology Part 2

## **Reading:**

- Structures of Reading

# Special Education Classes Not Academic Specific



- Grade 9 Academic Support (5x per cycle)
- Study Skills/Strategies (2x or 4x per cycle)
- High School to the Future Part I (Second Semester of Junior Year)
- High School to the Future Part II (First Semester of Senior Year)

# Special Education Courses Outlook

## Course Sequence

### Grade 9

- Applied English 1
- Applied Algebra 1
- Applied Modern World
- Applied Biology Part 1
- Grade 9 Academic Support

### Grade 10

- Applied English 2
- Applied Geometry
- Applied US History 1
- Applied Biology Part 2
- Study Strategies

### Grade 11

- Applied American Literature
- Applied Algebra 2
- Study Strategies
- HS to the Future Part 1

### Grade 12

- Applied World Literature
- Applied Consumer Math
- Study Strategies
- HS to the Future Part 2



# Inclusion Courses



- In collaboration with the General Education Classes, the Special Education Department offers courses with both a general educator and a special educator. They are:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- English 1
- English 2
- American Literature
- World Literature

These  
classes are  
at the CP2  
level.

# Questions?

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