

# *Benilde Courses*

Benilde students are mainstreamed and fully participate in the co-curricular life of the school. The students are not grouped together in one single class; rather they attend regular classes. Benilde students have a scheduled resource period for extra assistance and skill-building to enable them to progress in the college preparatory program at St. John's. The students meet daily with a teacher in a small group of six-to-eight students. Each group works on an individual or group activity of relevance to those students.

Benilde students do not take a foreign language as a freshman. Beginning in their sophomore year, Benilde students must enroll in a foreign language course.

## **780 - Benilde I - Grade 9 - No Credit**

The following topics will be covered by freshmen in their first year of the Benilde program:

- Using taped notes and books on tape
- Graphic organizers as study guides
- Techniques for approaching faculty with questions and concerns
- Memory techniques and writing skills

Students will also learn study skills that will be developed in relation to each student's particular learning strengths.

## **790 - Benilde II - Grade 10 - No Credit**

Sophomores will review the curricula taught in Benilde I as needed. Throughout this course, students will develop a PSAT and SAT study plan. The students will also strengthen research skills; particularly those required to complete longer term papers. Expectations for self-advocacy will continue.

## **791 - Benilde III - Grade 11 - No Credit**

Juniors will review the curricula taught in Benilde I and II as needed. This course is particularly appropriate for those students who did not participate in the Benilde Program as a freshmen, as well as those students who anticipate receiving academic support services in college.

## **792 - Benilde IV - Grade 12 - No Credit**

Benilde classes for seniors are designed to offer academic support during the school day. Students will have an opportunity to do homework and study in a supervised setting with a Benilde teacher. Individual instruction and counseling regarding a student's specific strategies will help them successfully organize their coursework.