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Center for Athletic Academic Services

The mission of the Center for Athletic Academic Services is to provide services to student athletes that will enhance their academic experience, assist in their retention and development as students as well as promote the CHAMPS/Life Skills program and the five commitment areas (Commitment to Academic Excellence, Athletic Excellence, Personal Development, Career Development & Service). Services include supervised study hall, a computer lab, individual and group tutoring sessions as well as the availability of learning assistants. Scholastic Supervisors work with the athletic department, students, coaches, faculty and staff to coordinate athlete’s schedules, determine academic eligibility and provide necessary support to the athletes. Since the Department’s creation the following improvements have been made:

- Increased study hall computers by 60%
- Purchased 20 laptop computers with air cards for use during travel
- Hired 3 Learning Assistants – work individually with 9 high risk student athletes
- Hired 6 subject tutors
- Purchased Student Athlete Management Software (SAMS) to assist with management of tutoring sessions, coordination of schedules and communications with students and faculty
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In addition, several programs have been planned for the future, but have not yet been implemented.

- Student athlete Orientation
- Student athlete session during New Student Conferences
- Initial testing of all incoming student-athletes (LASSI or Nelson-Denny)
- Academic Success course for all incoming freshmen
- Student Athlete Mentor/Mentee programs
- Tuesday Evening Conversations
- CHAMPS/Life Skills Programming