

After school help offers a second chance

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Sometimes learning doesn't end when the class bell rings. Many teachers offer the chance for students to continue to learn after school.

For example, students can come to Extended Day to get tutoring after school as needed. Extended Day is an opportunity provided for students who may be struggling in class, or just need a better explanation of the material being learned.

"We're also there to help like if you're having trouble in math or you're having trouble in English or have questions in science we're there for that as well. We have several students who will just come do their homework in case they have questions and then they get it over with as well," said secondary mathematics teacher Rebecca Cambron.

Many teachers from different subjects are a part of the Extended Day program.

"We have two teachers available on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday in B101. It's sort of a combination of teachers that give help and tutor, as well as helping students with online classes. That's what we originally opened it up for: for students who need to make stuff up on credit recovery. Then it sort of involved in to a tutoring thing. Now we have a math and English teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays and math and science on Thursdays," said principal Rob Willman.

Extended Day is an opportunity that many students do not utilize due to the lack of

knowledge or because of their peers.

"I think it's the stigma of 'I want to be able to do it on my own, I don't need help.' It's about what their peers think about it. Sometimes it's about what the teachers think. They think they're not smart enough if they have to ask for extra help. Sometimes it could even be parents that pressure them to figure it out on their own," said math teacher Kimberly Haley.

After school programs like Extended Day provides students with a second chance to excel in classes unlike before.

"It helps support what they're doing in class and fill in any gaps. It can help with students who are absent, or just need a little bit of extra support on the material that they are learning in class," said Haley.

Many students can only attend Extended Day for a short period of time due to extracurriculars.

"I tell my students all the time even if you just have one question that you don't understand you don't have to stay the whole two hours. Its just to come ask a professional question," said Cambron.

Extended day also allows students who have missed or fallen behind in a class the chance to catch up.

"We have some students that can't come during the school day or various medical reasons or any variety of things. [We] individualized help for those students," said Willman

FC offers other programs after school, such as after school retakes. Test retakes can be offered if a student didn't do as well on a test as they would've



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MATH TEACHER REBECCA CAMBRON AND SENIOR NATHAN BRISTOW work after school on Sept. 10.

liked.

"I think that it is important for students to learn the material. I think it is really wrong to give them a test, have them fail it and then move on," said science teacher Tasman Wrock.

Retakes are one of the many ways that students can make up or cover work they may have missed. For other students, retakes can be a second chance to get a better grade or even

study differently or review more material.

"Tests are designed to evaluate material students know but it also highlights material they may not know as well. On retakes they get the opportunity to understand the material they didn't know," said junior Grace Thrasher.

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material.

"I think it is a good opportunity for kids who maybe weren't prepared for the first time, although I do think that it is fair they take the retake grade, even if it is not the better grade," said Hohll.

FC along with its teachers offer multitudes of opportunities for students to partake in so they can fulfill their academic and extracurricular goals as well.