

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Hello, I want to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year at Bridgepoint High School. My name is Mr. Handlin, I am the new resource teacher and your child's Special Education caseload teacher. I am looking forward to working with both you and your child to create the best educational experience.

The best way to reach me is by email. I check my email daily and can usually get back to you within 24 hours. You can also call me at work and leave a voicemail. I can only return calls on my prep period and 15 minutes after school. My email is ghandlin@newarkunfied.org and my phone number is 510-818-3208. Feel free to contact me anytime.

Lastly, I want to inform you and your child of my expectations for them this year. I attempt to get my students to be responsible for their education. As expected, this is always a work in progress. Being prepared for class, being prompt in having their assignments completed, and being productive in class are a few of the responsibilities that I expect students to work on. I will be there to support and guide them in completing their goals..

As your child's case manager, I will be:

- facilitating your child's IEP meetings
- the contact person for you, teachers, administrators, or any other staff member who has concerns with any issues related to your child and his/her IEP.
- coordinating and providing information to all staff who are involved in the implementation of your child's IEP
- monitoring the implementation of the IEP
- coordinating the dissemination of the IEP Progress Reports to general education teachers and you, the parents.

Should you have any questions, problems or concerns regarding the implementation of the IEP please contact me. I will gladly assist you in addressing your concerns. I will be contacting you later in the school year to remind you about the activities checked below. I look forward to working with you this school year.

I have had a lot of parents and students ask me what Resource is so I have attached the following definition.

What Is Resource? RSP (or Resource) is a collection of services designed to support students with varying special needs. For many students, this requires intensive academic, speech,

behavioral, and/or emotional support. For other students, it may just be to have a person and place to go to when questions arise or a little extra assistance is needed. Whatever the needs of your student, the BHS IEP Team is here to help. Services may be provided by a Resource Specialist, Speech & Language Pathologist, Psychologist, Counselor, Occupational Therapist, and/or other Specialist, depending on your student's IEP.

Sincerely,

Mr. Handlin
Resource Specialist
Bridgepoint High