

## Figure 8.2: Handout Describing Academic Support

Academic support is a program created to provide students with additional help they may need on any homework, papers, or projects assigned in their classes. As a student in the academic support program, you are at a great advantage over the other students. I am here to be your tutor, helper, or go-to person for one class period a day. Other students have to find additional help through a variety of teachers, while you already have a class embedded in your schedule to receive this help. This means that your time spent in academic support should be used wisely and never wasted. I will also be available for help before school and after school. Please use this extra help when needed.

### What Is My Role?

I am your advocate. What does this mean? I am here to support and defend you. Throughout the school year, I will provide you with help in your studies, make sure you are staying on track with your homework assignments, provide you with confidence and any support you need to succeed in your classes, and be there if you ever need someone to talk to. You should feel comfortable to come see me, in or out of class, if you need to talk or if you ever need help.

### How Should Your Time Be Used in Academic Support?

This is not a class set up for you to talk to your friends, listen to headphones, run around, or do any other non-school-focused activity. In this class you will do work. Work is defined as homework, catch-up or makeup work, reading (classroom-assigned reading), retaking a test or quiz, writing an outline or essay, doing research for a paper or project, and getting some help from me. That is the reason I am here. If you insist that you have nothing to work on, then I will find something for you to complete.

### What If You Have No Homework?

This situation may come up occasionally. When it does occur, then you have to complete an "I Had No Homework Form." You will need to take this form to every one of your teachers and have them sign it. The form must be returned to me the next day with signatures from every teacher confirming that you had no homework in your classes. I expect you to come prepared every day and ready to work. If you complete your work, then you are responsible to keep busy and quiet. Please do not disturb your classmates who are working.