GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION PROGRAM INFORMATION NIGHT

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AGENDA

▪ Overview of Middle School G/T Education Program
▪ Placement Process
▪ Questions
GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION PROGRAM

MISSION
The Gifted and Talented Education Program seeks to recognize and develop talents in advanced-level learners.
GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION PROGRAM GOALS

• Accelerate the achievement and performance levels of students who participate in G/T Education Program offerings
• Increase successful participation of underrepresented populations of students in G/T Education Program offerings
• Build a community of G/T Education Program advocates.
CONTINUUM OF SERVICES

Elementary

Middle

High
MIDDLE SCHOOL G/T EDUCATION PROGRAM COMPONENTS: AN OVERVIEW
TALENT DEVELOPMENT OFFERINGS:
G/T INSTRUCTIONAL SEMINARS

Instruction in Advanced-Level Skills
Open to All Interested Students
Creative Production or Inquiry
TELEVISION PRODUCTION

Student led and produced daily television show that simulates a professional broadcast
MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB

A Book Club organized and led by advanced-level readers who enjoy participating in thought-provoking literary discussions.
Students engage in meaningful, persuasive discourse about contemporary issues, thereby strengthening their leadership, critical thinking, and presentation skills.

Offered in all middle schools under the direct instruction of the school’s G/T Resource Teacher.
Mathalon

- Students participate in a STEM-related seminar, learning advanced level skills in science, engineering, or mathematics.

- Saturday, November 2\textsuperscript{nd} field trip to state-wide Mathalon competition – optional and ELMS pays for registration.
SAMPLE MIDDLE SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL SEMINARS

Film Production
Photojournalism
Coding
Robotics
Debate
World Heritage Research
CONTINUUM OF G/T CONTENT AREA SERVICES

Elementary
• CEUs and G/T Math

Middle
• G/T Content Area Classes

High
• G/T and AP Courses
G/T CONTENT AREA SERVICES

G/T Content Classes

- Accelerated and/or Enriched Curriculum
- Advanced-Level Content
- Inquiry-Based Instruction
- Application of Knowledge
MIDDLE SCHOOL G/T CLASSES

G/T Math

G/T Science

G/T English

G/T Social Studies
G/T ENGLISH

An accelerated and enriched curriculum, where students use critical thinking skills to explore complex literary works and create compositions of advanced style, tone, and form.

Differentiated tasks and texts are included at all grade levels.
G/T SOCIAL STUDIES

An enriched and accelerated curriculum, including differentiated objectives, where students explore civic and cultural principles and engage in inquiries that focus on essential, related questions.

▪ 6 – G/T Geography and World Cultures

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▪ 8 – G/T U.S. History through the Reconstruction
G/T SCIENCE

An enriched and accelerated curriculum, including differentiated objectives, where students explore scientific principles and engage in ongoing original scientific research using an experimental design.

Science 6 G/T (Earth & Space Science focus)

Science 7 G/T (Biological focus)

Science 8 G/T (Physics and Chemistry focus)
G/T MATHEMATICS

An accelerated and enriched sequence that follows a curriculum of concepts at least two years above the general education curriculum.

- 6 - Pre-Algebra G/T
- 7 – Algebra I/Data Analysis G/T
- 8 - Geometry G/T
G/T PLACEMENT PROCESS

G/T Placement Process begins with an ability measure.

- CogAT Testing

  □ administered to all 5th grade students

  □ administered to middle school students new to Howard County Public Schools
THE PLACEMENT REVIEW PROCESS

Who can initiate the process?

- Parents
- Teachers
- Students
THE PLACEMENT REVIEW PROCESS

- Student performance indicating advanced-level achievement - multiple criteria examined (i.e. other assessment data, student work samples)
- Additional work samples from outside of schools
- Evidence of participation in advanced-level extracurricular activities
EXTENDED DAY/EXTENDED YEAR

- Accelerated Mathematics
- Visual Arts - G/T Art
- G/T Orchestra, G/T Symphonic Band, and G/T Chorus
- G/T Summer Institutes for Talent Development
MIDDLE SCHOOL G/T RESEARCH

- Enables advanced-level learners to conduct real world research
- Is designed for 6th grade students who participate in two or more G/T content area classes, including G/T English and G/T Math.
- Asks students to apply the research skills modeled in the curriculum to an original investigation
- Expects students to develop and maintain a research portfolio (binder or electronic) to document their year-long study.
PARENT RESOURCES

HCPSS G/T Website:
www.hcpss.org/academics/gt

National Association for Gifted Children Website:
www.nagc.org
QUESTIONS
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