

2020-2025 Strategic Plan: Equity for All

TAGAC Meeting

1. Middle School Services

- a. Honors
- b. TAG
- c. Young Scholars
- d. DEP
- e. FAQs





WELCOMING

Honors at the Middle School

- Access
 - Honors classes are open enrollment. Any student who wants to enroll in an honors course in Language Arts, Math, Science, and/or Social Studies can do so. The ACPS Program of Studies does offer suggested performance indicators but they are only recommendations not a prerequisite.
- Curriculum
 - Each content area (Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies) has a honors curriculum in addition to the general education curriculum. Both curriculums come from the ACPS Curriculum and Instruction office.



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Talented and Gifted (TAG) at the Middle School

- Access
 - Talented and Gifted Services are available to students who have been identified as TAG within the content area(s) they were identified in while enrolled in ACPS.
- Referrals
 - Referral window - starts first day of the school year till Novemberish
 - Presentations to:
 - Potential families for upcoming school year - 3rd quarter
 - Teacher & Families - 1st quarter



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Talented and Gifted (TAG) at the Middle School

- Screening -
 - Ability, Achievement, Grades, Gifted Rating Scale, Product Rating
 - Also, review of outliers using the following data points*
 - MAP
 - SOL
 - WIDA
 - National History Day
 - Science Fair
- Young Scholars
 - Monitor honors enrollment
 - Monitor TAG referrals made
 - Summer Program (prior to pandemic)
 - AVID recruitment - academic support for rigor

*not limited to only these data points



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Talented and Gifted (TAG) Services at the Middle School

- TAG Services
 - Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies
 - TAG identified students in the content areas above are clustered within open enrollment honors sections.
 - TAG Service is a Differentiated Education Plan (DEP).
 - Math
 - TAG identified students in math are enrolled in a math course that is a grade level ahead.
 - TAG Service is currently a Differentiated Education Plan and math curriculum that is a grade level ahead.



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Differentiation Services at the Middle School

- Differentiated Education Plans (DEP)
 - Enrichment
 - Extension
 - Student choice
- Sample of Resources available
 - William & Mary curriculum - Literature Units & Navigators
 - College Board - SpringBoard
 - DBQ (Document Based Question)
 - National History Day
 - Science Fair
 - Project Based learning (PBL) - Civic Trek in ACPS



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FAQs

- High School transition - Is a TAG identification a prerequisite to course enrollments or academy eligibility?
No
- Math acceleration & sequence - If my student is not eligible for TAG math will this set them up for failure or make them be behind? No, differential equations would be the only course that would not be available. Goal is for students to gain a solid foundation of mathematics - understanding the why.
- What is the difference between honors and TAG?
- Teacher trainings - ACPS offers TAG endorsement cohort, school based PD on gifted instructional strategies
- Who writes DEPs? - Teachers and TAG teacher. Some grade level departmentalized teachers will work together on the creation.