

**Resolution on  
Honors Courses in Middle School**

Submitted by the Curriculum Committee and Gifted Child Committee  
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**WHEREAS**

A middle school teacher often has more than 150 students, a severe obstacle in getting to know all students well, which presents difficulties in providing appropriately differentiated instruction.

Middle school classes are usually about 45 minutes long, a severe obstacle in providing meaningful differentiation to students who are academically advanced.

The middle school magnet programs have far more qualified applicants than they are able to accommodate, meaning that many academically advanced students depend upon their home schools for appropriate instruction.

A well rounded curriculum involves not just mathematics and English, but all of the core subject areas

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

MCPS should provide honors courses (or other appropriately designated courses) in all core subject areas for academically advanced students in Middle School in addition to challenging on-grade level courses designed to meet the needs of most students.