



Glen Cove School District: Update *“Expanding Opportunities for All”*

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Curriculum/Instructional Initiatives: 2013-2016

Summer of Success (HS & FMS)

Learning Labs (GCHS)

GED Program

BOCES Summer School (HS)

iPad initiative (District)

New course offerings in the Glen Cove SD

- ▶ STEM and Keyboarding (elementary)
- ▶ Research, Humanities & Computer applications (MS)
- ▶ Virtual Enterprises [E- Business Commerce] (HS)
- ▶ Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II

New GCHS Course Proposals 2015–2017

- ▶ English 12
- ▶ Public Speaking
- ▶ Humanities 11H
- ▶ College Research
- ▶ SAT/ACT Preparation in English
- ▶ SAT/ACT Preparation in Mathematics
- ▶ Computer Math Applications
- ▶ Preparing for Credited English in College
- ▶ Preparing for Credited Math in College
- ▶ Statistics through Application

New GCHS Course Proposals 2014–2015

- ▶ Stage Craft & Set Design
- ▶ Environmental Science
- ▶ College Preparatory Government, Politics and Economics (Honors)
- ▶ AP Mandarin Chinese
- ▶ ESL Structure of English
- ▶ Advanced Ceramics

Review of Procedures / Process

- ▶ 'Drop/Add' students to courses
- ▶ Course catalog and changed prerequisites for certain courses
- ▶ ENL program

Process

- ▶ Identify a “need”
- ▶ Meet with HS students at a ‘round table’
- ▶ Discuss with Administrators and Teachers
- ▶ Meetings with building level Site Based committees
- ▶ Course proposals are shared with District Curriculum Committee
- ▶ Presentations at BOE Public meeting with parents & community
- ▶ BOE adopts new course proposals
- ▶ District implements new procedures

“Expanding Opportunities for All”

2013–2016: FMS faculty have had multiple discussions about the effectiveness of the honors program

- Changes were made to the sixth grade program
- ▶ Limited number of FMS students took Algebra Regents and Earth Science Regents in gr. 8
- ▶ Students denied admission to FMS Honors classes based on flawed criteria
- ▶ 2014–2015 Curriculum Revision Math Honors Gr. 7
- ▶ Meeting held in September with FMS Grade 7 teachers to get their recommendations regarding placement of new students.

“MS Honors” in Nassau County??

- ▶ LIST SERV to Long Island school districts –
 - Do they organize an honors program in MS?
 - What is the criteria they follow for admission to Regents level courses in Math & Science in Grade 8?
- ▶ Department meetings–discussion with teachers

Expanding Opportunities for All at FMS

- ▶ Discussion at Middle School Site Based Meeting on Nov. 19 and follow-up presentation on Dec. 21
- ▶ Presentation at Public Meeting BOE on Nov. 30
- ▶ Presentation at District Curriculum Committee on Jan. 7

Expanding Opportunities at FMS

- Public comments: January 11 BOE meeting
 - HS Teacher
 - Union President
- Teachers were asked to e-mail their concerns / feedback to the Assistant Superintendent
 - What did we find?

Expanding Opportunities for All

- ▶ Follow-up:
 - Ms. Rianna and I held a roundtable meeting with GCTA VP & HS & MS teachers (Jan. 26).
 - I met individually with various teachers.
 - Additional meetings were held with individual parents.
 - Building administrators and coordinators held additional meetings with their departments, including a science department meeting for teachers in grades 7–12 (Feb. 3).

Process for Self-Selection developed by FMS faculty

FMS administration met with Gr. 6-7-8 teachers to establish a process for 'self-select' as follows:

1. Informational meetings will be held with students and parents.
2. Parents will submit course request form.
3. Teachers will review the forms and provide their input & recommendations.
4. Upon review of recommendations from teachers, parents, guidance counselor & administration, students will be admitted into the accelerated courses in math & science in gr. 7 or 8.

Thank you for your attention.

