

Highly Capable Pathways for Middle School Students

Subject	Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
Math	7 th Grade Math or Algebra	Algebra or Geometry	Geometry or Algebra 2 (offerings can be accessed through TOL, in person at a HS or MS if there are over 20 students eligible for the course)
Language Arts	6 th Grade Advanced Cluster with curriculum compacting and emphasis on critical thinking skills	7 th Grade Advanced Cluster with curriculum compacting and emphasis on critical thinking skills	8 th Grade Advanced Cluster with curriculum compacting and emphasis on critical thinking skills
Social Studies	6 th Grade Advanced Cluster with curriculum compacting and emphasis on critical thinking skills	7 th Grade Advanced Cluster with curriculum compacting and emphasis on critical thinking skills	8 th Grade Advanced Cluster with curriculum compacting and emphasis on critical thinking skills or AP Human Geography
CTE/ELECTIVE	Introduction to Technology and Engineering with exploration of potential certification areas	Intermediate Technology and Engineering with introduction to certification options and college/career preparatory classes	Advanced Technology and Engineering with introduction to certification options and college/career preparatory classes
Foreign Language	Beginning Foreign Language Course	Intermediate Foreign Language Course	Level 1 HS

- *An Advanced Cluster is approximately 5-7 students in a classroom with similar advanced skills in a specific content area. These students often work together in small group settings and may use higher grade level reading materials.
- Tacoma Public Schools has adopted several policies that provide access to advanced course work for families to access to support their students individual learning plan:
 - [2000 - Credit Attainment](#)
 - [2024 - Online Learning](#)
 - [2190 - Highly Capable Services](#)
 - [2405 - Individualized Academic Course Selection](#)
 - [2406 - Academic Acceleration and Rigor](#)
 - [2408 - International Baccalaureate and Graduation](#)