



# Highly Capable Services in Middle School

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# What are the program goals?

- » Provide appropriate challenge to promote growth and learning
- » Allow for access to academic and intellectual peers
- » Explore topics more deeply and through different ways of thinking

K & 1ST GRADE	GRADES 2-5	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
<p><b>PEP - Primary Enrichment Program</b></p> <p>Weekly math and/or literacy extension or enrichment at neighborhood school</p>	<p><b>Neighborhood School</b></p> <p>Daily differentiated instruction in literacy and/or math; weekly pullout in math</p>	<p>Math course enrollment options</p> <p>Cohort / Cluster classes in English language arts (ELA)</p>	<p>Classroom differentiation and course options, including Honors, College in the High School, Running Start, Advanced Placement</p>
<p><b>Magnet Program</b></p> <p>Self-contained classroom at Meridian Park Elementary</p>			

**K-12 Highly Capable Continuum of Services**



## English Language Arts (ELA) services

- » Students in grades 6-8 are placed in either a **cohort** (class composed only of students identified as Highly Capable in ELA) or a **cluster** (small group of students identified as Highly Capable in ELA) within a class of English Language Arts/Humanities.
- » Families do not select between cohort or cluster as student scheduling is determined by number of students, class selection and other factors.

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## English Language Arts (ELA) services

The Highly Capable cohort/cluster will:

- ◇ Allow the teacher to customize the grade-level curriculum, standards, and instructional strategies to better meet the academic needs of students.
- ◇ Provide increased access to intellectual peers.
- ◇ Provide a supportive environment that meets the social/emotional learning needs of students in the Highly Capable Program.

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## English Language Arts (ELA) services

- » If you do not wish your student to participate in a Highly Capable **cohort/cluster** classroom, you may decline Highly Capable services for your student for the school year.
- » Forms to decline services can be found on the [Highly Capable website](#).

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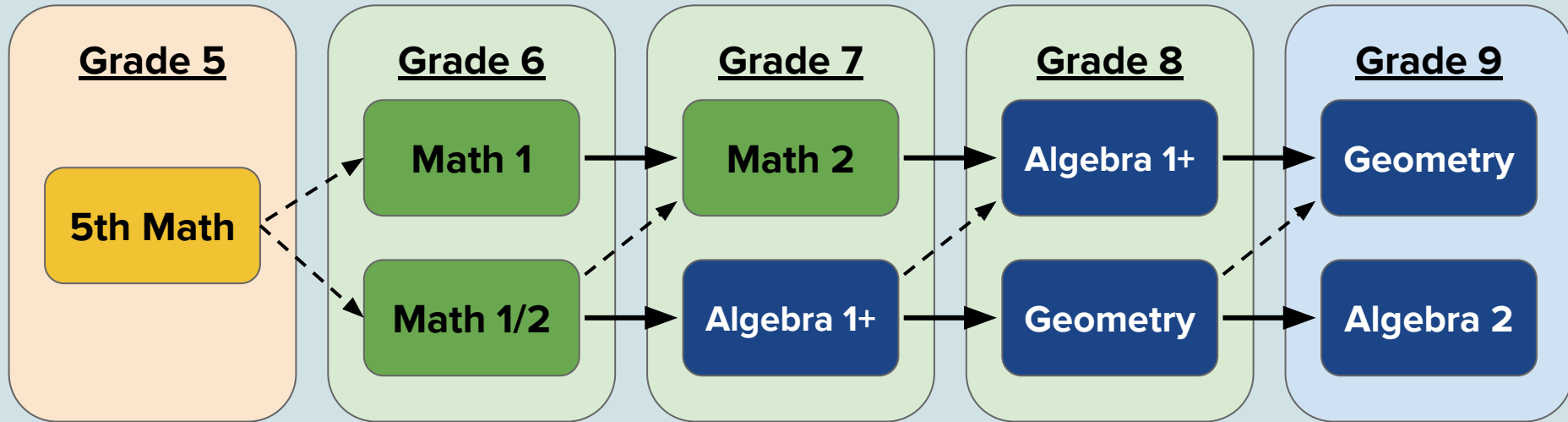


## Math services

- » Students select the next course on the middle school **math pathway**. Geometry is available in 8th grade.
- » Incoming 6th grade students will be placed in a Math 1 / 2 compression course.
- » Students who do not wish to take the accelerated Math 1 / 2 course, may decline services and register to take Math 1 in 6th grade. These students may choose to take Algebra 1+ in 8th grade and accelerate one-year during middle school.
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# Middle School Math Pathway For HiCap Students



## Color Code

Elementary Level Course  
Middle School Level Course  
High School Level Course

## Arrows

→ Main  
- - - → Alternate

## Notes

- Algebra 1 taken at Middle School is a compressed Algebra 1 course with supplemental 8th grade math content.
- Algebra 1+ and Geometry earns HS credit and impacts the HS GPA.



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## If my child was identified in one area or has not been identified yet, can they test in middle school?

- » Yes. Students in grades 6-8 have the opportunity to register for opt-in testing. Families will be able to sign up through the Highly Capable notification sent through Parent Square.

## If my student receives MLL or Special Education services can they receive those and Highly Capable services?

- » Yes. If your student is eligible to receive services as a Multilingual Learner or through an IEP or 504 plan, those services will continue to be provided at middle school.



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## If my child participates in the Dual Language program, can they still receive Highly Capable services?

- » Yes. In middle school, all students in the Dual Language program take math in English, so your child can take whichever math class is most appropriate.
- » In 6th grade only, the Humanities block in Dual Language is in Spanish instead of the HiCap Humanities cohort/cluster, so enrichment will happen within the classroom. In 7th and 8th grade, students in Dual Language take ELA and a separate Spanish language class, so students eligible for HiCap can participate in the ELA cohort/cluster in 7th and 8th grades.



# Thank you!

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