



Middle School Program of Studies

SCHOOL BOARD PRESENTATION

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Key Updates

- ▶ More user-friendly information and format for parents new to middle school
 - ▶ Introduction to middle school information
 - ▶ Courses organized by grade level
 - ▶ Description of math pathways
- ▶ Alignment with High School POS updates
- ▶ Pathways and criteria for accessing advanced courses
- ▶ Expunging policy
- ▶ High school credit courses and gifted opportunities
- ▶ Retention policy

Pathways to Advanced Courses

3 Pathways

- ▶ Achievement score
- ▶ Teacher recommendation
- ▶ Parent request

Expunging Grades for High School Credit Courses

- ▶ High school credit course grade and credit automatically dropped if course failed
- ▶ If course is passed, the parent/student may opt to expunge the course grade and credit by the end of the year (and would need to retake the course the next year)

High School Courses and Gifted Opportunities

- ▶ High School Credit Courses
 - ▶ Moving towards offering at the middle school – Algebra 2, Latin
- ▶ Gifted Opportunities
 - ▶ Enhance advanced courses with gifted instructional approaches
 - ▶ Begin offering some gifted exploratories/rotations

Retention Policy – Key Updates

- ▶ Intervention plan at end of each quarter of a failing grade
- ▶ Afterschool sports/activities require student to follow the intervention plan (if student has a failing grade)
- ▶ Summer school required if a failed course
- ▶ Summer school passing grade requires proficiency assessment in English and math
- ▶ Summer school project if student passed the SOL test but not the course
- ▶ If one failed course after the summer, the student will be promoted but retake the failed course (likely after school)
- ▶ If two or more failed courses after the summer, the student will repeat the grade or move to alternative school