



Middle School Pre-Advanced Placement *Accelerated & Enriched Maths and Merit Programs*

All Middle Schools, Grades 6 - 8

Program Contacts:

Boonsboro Middle School – 301-766-8038
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Springfield Middle School – 301-766-8389
Western Heights Middle School – 301-766-8403

Program Description:

A continuum of advanced programs is offered in Washington County Public Schools to challenge students who have **demonstrated** strong academic potential, creativity, leadership responsibility, motivation to learn, and strong work ethic. Middle school Accelerated and Enriched Maths and Merit classes in English/language arts, social studies, and science offer students a curriculum that prepares them for advanced coursework in high school and beyond.

Selection for student participation in middle school advanced-level coursework is based upon a comprehensive and systematic review of multiple sources of information for each fifth grade student. These sources include: ability and performance testing. Every child is different, so some students may have a mix of both grade-level and advanced-level courses. Parents/Guardians and teachers have the opportunity to nominate students for placement in advanced-level coursework at the middle school. **Nomination by parent and/or teacher does not guarantee placement in advanced-level classes.** Course assignment is based on each student’s academic strengths and performance.

Different from Merit ELA, Science and Social Studies, advanced-level Mathematics courses in middle school include not only development of understanding of content at a deeper level, but also acceleration into some content in the next grade level.

A letter will be sent home to all 5th grade students in January with instructions on the nomination process.

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