

# Course Placement Review - Rising 8th Grade Students

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

It is the goal of the Howard County Public School System to prepare students for lifelong learning by taking the most challenging courses in which they can be successful. G/T Placement Committee recommendations are based on multiple criteria including classroom performance, students' expressed interest, and results on standardized measures.

**This form is for a parent/guardian requesting a course placement different from the placement committee's recommendation.**

- √ It is suggested that the parent have a conversation (in person, by phone, or by e-mail) with the current teacher and/or G/T Resource Teacher about the course recommendation so there is an understanding of the rationale behind the committee's recommendation.
- √ Further information on courses and curriculum expectations can be found in the middle school catalog (<http://www.hcpss.org/academics/>). Additional information regarding G/T course expectations is included on the reverse of this form. After reviewing this information, the parent/guardian should discuss the Course Placement Review with a middle school administrator.
- √ Students and parents must understand that it may not be possible to transfer out of the course due to scheduling limitations.
- √ **If you wish to place your child in one or more G/T courses that are different than the recommendations of the school-based G/T Placement Committee and in which your child is not currently enrolled, please submit this G/T Course Placement Review form by March 23, 2018.** Forms received by this date will be given priority. Requests after this date will be accommodated if space is available.

Parent/Guardian Request

Requested Course Number	Requested Course Name

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## G/T Course Expectations

Prior to completing the Course Placement Review form, please consider the following expectations associated with middle school G/T courses.

### Geometry G/T (prerequisite required)

- Due to the Algebra I graduation requirement, students may not enroll in Geometry G/T without prior completion of Algebra I. Other courses or assessments are not accepted to meet this requirement in middle school.
- Students not placed in G/T Mathematics may select the above-level mathematics class, Algebra I (MA-401-1), rather than Geometry G/T.

### English G/T - LA-302-1

### United States History G/T - SO-301-1

### Physical Science G/T - SC-305-1

- Students enrolled in English, Social Studies, and Science G/T will be expected to have advanced-level skills in the following areas:
  - Interpretation and analysis
  - Understanding and application of advanced concepts
  - Written language (development of arguments, citation of evidence, variation of sentence structure).
- Students not recommended for placement in G/T courses at this time will further develop these skills within the 8th grade general education classes.

By signing this form I acknowledge this placement is not in alignment with the recommendations of the Placement Committee and affirm that I have read and acknowledged the G/T course expectations. I will monitor my child's progress in the class to make sure the requested course remains appropriate with reasonable classroom supports. I am aware that it may not be possible to transfer out of the course due to scheduling limitations.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_