



Course Request Change Form - Rising 8th Grade Students

Student Name: _____

Teacher recommendations are based on multiple criteria: classroom performance, student's expressed interest, student attendance and results on standardized measures.

This form is for a parent/guardian to request a course different from the teacher's recommendation.

- ☐ It is suggested that the parent/guardian have a conversation 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/teacher'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.
- ☐ The student and parent/guardian must understand that it may not be possible to transfer out of the course due to scheduling limitations. In addition, note that level changes will only be permitted in accordance with Policy 8020. For further information please refer to [Policy 8020](#).
- ☐ **World Language:** If the student no longer wishes to take a world language course, the student should explore other program choices to fulfill their graduation requirements. Program choices include two years of the same World Language or 3 or more credits in a Career Academy (State-approved Career and Technical Education Program) for additional information please see the [course catalog](#). Please see additional notes below for High School Credit Courses in MS.
- ☐ **High School Credit Courses in MS:** Please note that any middle school student enrolled in a high school credit course who withdraws after the published withdrawal date will receive a "W" on their high school transcript. Students who enroll in a high school course after the "W" date will not earn high school credit. For additional information refer to [Policy 8020](#).

Requests received after the course request window is closed will be accommodated only if space is available.

Teacher Recommendation		Parent/Guardian Request	
Recommended Course Number	Recommended Course Title	Requested Course Number	Requested Course Name

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G/T Course Expectations

Prior to completing the Course Request Change Form, 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.
- Students who successfully complete high school level mathematics courses prior to high school still need to earn the required mathematics credits necessary for graduation and be enrolled in a mathematics course in each year of high school.

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).

By signing this form I acknowledge that I will monitor my child's progress in the class to make sure the requested course remains appropriate with reasonable classroom support.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____