

IGHMS Gifted Services

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Meeting the Needs of Advanced Learners

At Inver Grove Heights Middle School, we emphasize academics as well as social emotional development, core life skills, and career and college readiness so students are prepared for whatever lies ahead.

IGHMS includes opportunities for all students to be challenged through differentiated learning and advanced coursework in core classes and expanded opportunities for academically gifted students.

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ENRICHMENT

Middle school students have a weekly opportunity to meet with the GT specialist.

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CLUSTER GROUPING

GT students are clustered into two advisory sections at each grade level to strengthen peer relationships. Students who are subject accelerated are also clustered into classes together.

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SUBJECT ACCELERATION

Students who meet eligibility criteria are subject accelerated in math and English in order to earn early high school credit.

Why offer Advanced Coursework?

Students have earlier, risk-free opportunities to challenge themselves academically.

Students are exposed to rigorous coursework before high school, preparing them for the higher levels and familiarizing them with the work and learning expectations.

By trying something new in middle school, students build confidence.

Every student is prepared and encouraged to choose advanced, honors, and/or AP courses at Simley High School based on their interests and goals.

Striving for Excellence & Equity

The middle school's efforts over the last three years have been focused on providing personalized instruction and expanding rigorous coursework opportunities to every student beyond what was provided in the previous two-tier honors/regular track system.

The previous two-track system provided all students with the exact same grade level standards and content with delivery at a slightly different pace and within a different classroom. Similar to local and national trends, this model did not provide the challenge and early high school credit that academically advanced students needed.

What is Advanced Coursework?

Advanced coursework involves learning that is tailored to students, providing instruction options at both standard and advanced levels. Instruction is provided in different formats, including large group, differentiated small group, and individual or independent learning. With advanced coursework, all students engage

in differentiated learning, projects, and assignments.

Targeted Gifted Services

IGHMS is proud to be one of a few surrounding middle schools to offer direct Gifted and Enrichment services to identified 6, 7, and 8th grade students with our District Gifted and Talented Specialist during advisory.

The District Gifted and Talented Specialist also works directly with teachers supporting them with differentiating instruction, providing enrichment, and increasing rigorous learning opportunities.

ISD 199 Course Sequences & Acceleration Options

Click on the links below to see our course offerings.

[English Course Options](#)

[Math Course Options](#)

WHAT IS SUBJECT ACCELERATION?

For students who are academically gifted in different subject areas, we offer subject acceleration with cluster grouping. We use multiple data points including Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) and NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) to help guide us in determining who is best qualified for this pathway.

IGHMS students who subject accelerate in middle school and earn early high school credit have the opportunity to continue that same trajectory into Simley High School - often beginning their 9th grade year with 10th and/or 11th grade English and math courses and potentially earning early college credit before they graduate from high school.

