



## Course Placement Review - Rising 6th 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 and/or teacher.**

- 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 recommendation.  
**NOTE: If a student is recommended for enrollment in Mathematics 6 but is requesting placement in Pre-Algebra G/T, a meeting with the elementary G/T Resource Teacher is required for the placement request.**
- 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. If further information is needed in regards to the G/T course expectations, the parent/guardian should discuss the Course Placement Review with a G/T Resource Teacher.
- 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 until the mid-point of the course. For further information please refer to Policy 8020.

Submit this Course Placement Review form electronically by **February 15, 2021**, if you wish to request a different placement than the recommendation of the school-based G/T Placement Committee and/or a teacher. Forms received by this date will be given priority. Requests after this date will be accommodated if space is available.

### Parent/Guardian Request

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

**Pre-Algebra G/T - MA-303-1**

- Students enrolled in on-grade-level math in 5th grade will be expected to apply mathematical concepts from the following courses prior to beginning the Pre-Algebra G/T course in 6th grade:
  - Mathematics 6 - <http://hcpssfamilymath.weebly.com/math-6-gr-6.html>
  - Mathematics 7 - <http://hcpssfamilymath.weebly.com/math-7-gr-67.html>
- Students enrolled in above-grade-level math in 5th grade will be expected to apply mathematical concepts from Mathematics 7 prior to beginning the Pre-Algebra G/T course in 6th grade.
- Students not placed in G/T Mathematics may select the above-level mathematics class, Mathematics 7 (MA-201-1), rather than Pre-Algebra G/T.

**English G/T - LA-102-1**

**Geography and World Culture G/T - SO-101-1**

**Earth Science G/T - SC-105-1**

- 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 6th 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. In addition, note that level changes will only be permitted until the mid-point of the course. For further information please refer to Policy 8020.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

G/T Resource Teacher Signature (for students currently recommended for enrollment in Mathematics 6 but requesting placement in Pre-Algebra G/T):

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_