

WHY SHOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN TAKING INTENSIFIED COURSES IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?



CHALLENGE YOURSELF!

Intensified courses in APS provide opportunities for students to go beyond course standards in a specific subject(s).

- Pick areas where you feel you have a strength or interest!
- Push yourself to develop new skills and expertise!
- Experience a new challenge!

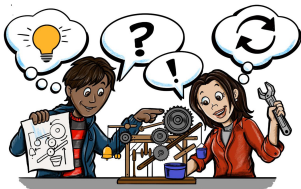
EXPLORE YOUR PASSIONS AND DEVELOP YOUR TALENTS!

Intensified courses help talent development for all students.

- Get personal support for success!
- Dive deep into subjects you enjoy, from literature to science to history.
- Self-assess and celebrate your own growth!



LEARN IN ENGAGING WAYS!



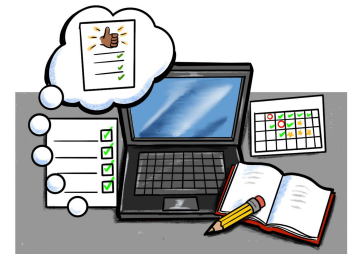
Intensified courses focus on expertise and deeper learning

- Go beyond grade level standards!
- Engage in "deeper thinking" advanced academic curriculum and strategies.
- Collaborate more with peers!
- Focus on the process of learning: Inquiry, design, revision and sharing!

TAKE OWNERSHIP OVER YOUR LEARNING!

In intensified courses you'll experience:

- **A different structure and pace!** Some lessons may be compacted or move faster to allow for more time to do hands-on projects and activities!
- **More independence and autonomy** in your learning, giving you the freedom to explore your interests and be in control of your learning!



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Share your interests in taking intensified courses with your parents, school counselor & teacher!

CONSIDER SOME OF THESE REASONS TO TAKE HONORS CLASSES:

(use this as a checklist before you meet with your counselor!)

INTENSIFIED SOCIAL STUDIES

Do you enjoy...

- Learning about different time periods, important figures, and how societies have developed over time?
- Analyzing materials to understand different perspectives and draw conclusions?
- Forming your own opinions, debating ideas, and defending your viewpoints with evidence from history?
- Making connections between the past and current events, and understanding how history shapes the world today?
- Discussing how issues impact different societies and cultures around the world?
- Conducting research on historical events, social issues, and/or significant figures to answer questions and deepen understanding of complex topics?

INTENSIFIED ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Do you enjoy...

- Reading a variety of genres, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and plays?
- Crafting essays, stories, and analytical responses?
- Engaging in thoughtful discussions about the texts that you read? This can include forming and defending your own opinions, considering multiple perspectives, and asking probing questions.
- Diving into the deeper meaning of texts, looking beyond surface-level plot points to explore symbolism, themes, and author intent?
- Taking initiative in your learning, whether through researching topics of interest, completing independent research, or working on long-term projects?

INTENSIFIED MATH

Do you enjoy...

- Using strategies like step-by-step thinking or creative problem-solving techniques (like engineers do)?
- Asking deep questions to better understand or improve the reasons behind answers or solutions?
- Using known math strategies or rules to help solve new problems?
- Understanding the limits of your solution and knowing when it works and when it doesn't?
- Turning real-life situations into math problems and understanding what the numbers and symbols mean?
- Researching and finding the right tools to solve a new or unfamiliar problem?

INTENSIFIED SCIENCE

Do you enjoy...

- Conducting investigations through experimentation and observation? Solving problems and thinking critically to figure out solutions to complex challenges? Reading scientific articles and other resources to expand your knowledge? Discussing scientific ideas with others? Thinking about how science impacts society and how scientific concepts can be used in everyday life?
- Breaking down complex ideas and applying logic to understand scientific phenomena?

IF YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT ANY OF THESE, THEN INTENSIFIED IS FOR YOU!

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