

Advanced Academic Programs (AAP) in Middle School



FCPS Advanced Academic Programs



All students need **challenging and engaging** learning experiences that honor and build on individual strengths

AAP provides different **levels of service** to match each student's current needs. The goal of AAP is to help all students reach their **academic potential**.

Advanced Academics in Middle School



Honors Classes

Level IV Classes

Advanced Academic Programs (AAP) K-12 Continuum of Services

Young Scholars Model (K-12)

Elementary School

Middle School

High School

Critical and Creative Thinking Strategies & Quarterly Access to AAP Curriculum (I)

IB Middle Years Program
Grades 6 -10 (select schools)

Differentiated Lessons in areas of Academic Strength (II)

Honors Courses
in areas of
Academic Strength/Interest
Grades 7- 8

Part-Time Advanced Academic Program (III)

- Honors Courses
- Advanced Placement
- International Baccalaureate
- Dual Enrollment Courses
- Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Full-Time Advanced Academic Program (IV)
Grades 3 - 8

Honors Classes

(in all 26 middle schools)

Open Access

to Honors courses- available in four core subjects

Students select Honors in 1, 2, 3, or 4 core classes

Students learn with others who also selected advanced courses

Teacher differentiates

to meet students' academic needs

Teachers participate in AAP Professional Learning

Center-eligible students may choose to stay at their base school and take Honors courses. [Honors in MS flyer](#) (to encourage students to take 1 or more Honors courses.)

AAP Level IV Center

(14 of 26 middle schools are designated centers)

Students are found eligible through a central screening process

Students access advanced curriculum for all 4 core subjects

Students are in classes with other eligible students--academic peer group

Teacher differentiates to meet academic needs

Teachers participate in AAP Professional Learning

Advanced Mathematics in Grade 7

Math 7 Honors

~ Math 8 Standards

OPEN ACCESS

Adv Math 6 -> Math 7H

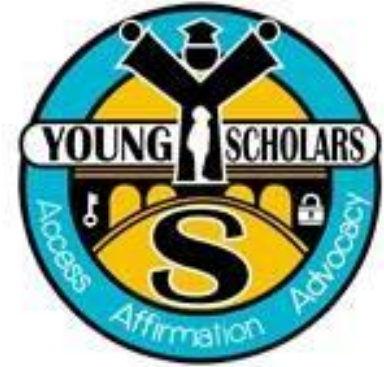
Math 6 -> Math 7 *or* Math 7H

Algebra I Honors

CRITERIA:

- Adv Math 6 in 6th grade,
- 500+ on 7th grade SOL, and
- 91% on Iowa Algebra Aptitude Test

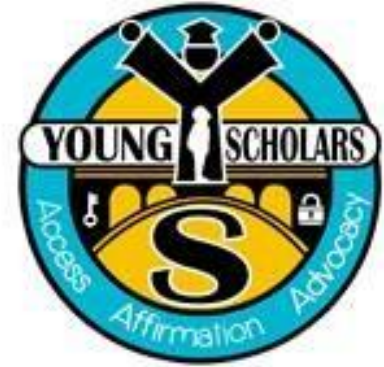
Young Scholars



The Young Scholar Model:

- is designed to provide affirmation, access, and advocacy for students with high academic potential from historically underrepresented populations in advanced academic programming.
- provides Young Scholars with intentional strategies and supports intended to create high-quality educational environments to help them reach their fullest potential.

Young Scholars



Young Scholars at Sandburg

- During academic advising, these students are encouraged to take **at least one honors level course**.
- Young Scholars are encouraged to participate in opportunities provided such as:
 - After-school programs
 - Summer Programs
 - Young Scholars Summer Institute
 - Field Trips

FAQs

- **Q: “My son/daughter was not in honors/AAP in 7th grade, how might they move into one of these programs for the 8th grade.”**
 - **A: Honors is Open Enrollment, Level IV AAP is a screening process – deadline has passed**

FAQs

● “My son/daughter was in honors/AAP for 7th grade, they did/did not do well, what if they want to move back to honors/general curriculum program.”

- **A: Talk to Ms. Grillo about Supports**
- **A: Honors is open enrollment and can be moved in and out**
- **A: AAP- contact AAP office to deny services**

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