



Goal of Instruction

Grade 6

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Transition to Middle School

- Grade 6 is still elementary!
 - Curriculum
 - Social/emotional development
 - Staffing
- Acclimate to new surroundings
 - New building—lockers, etc.
 - Schedules
 - Multiple teachers
- How we support the transition?
 - Teaming
 - Move as a class



Grade 6 Honors

- Concerns: Is the Grade 6 Honors program meeting the needs of our students and the goals of the program?
 - By parents
 - By teachers
 - By administrators
 - By Board of Education



What is the Goal of the Program?

- Provide enrichment to our students and enhance critical thinking skills



Enrichment

- act of making fuller or more meaningful [*the curriculum*]
- to give greater value, importance, effectiveness, etc. to:
to *enrich* a curriculum



Acceleration

- increase in rate of progress: an increase in the rate at which something happens or develops
- **Academic acceleration** is the advancement of students in subjects at a rate that places them ahead of where they would be in the regular school curriculum.



Grade 6 Honors

- Lesson plans
- Assessments: mid-terms, finals, class tests
- Core topics
- Class/Homework Assignments



Curriculum

- In each area, as well as in grades prior to grade 6 and in subsequent years:
 - Implementation of Common Core
 - Middle school offerings
 - High school offerings



Other factors

- Programs
 - in surrounding districts
 - In all Nassau and Suffolk counties
 - Research regarding instruction
 - [grouping, factors that enhance achievement]



Findings & Conclusions

- The new Common Core Learning Standards have posed an challenge for teachers and students as the bar has been raised. We are providing instruction to prepare all of our students to be *college and career ready* through Common Core
- 6th grade Honors does not exist in other districts
- Enrichment and critical thinking skills are best provided for our grade 6 students in heterogeneously grouped classes with differentiation of instruction/assignments
- New course program opportunities (i.e. Research, Computer Applications) as well as differentiation at the sixth grade level will provide enhancements for our students.



Findings & Conclusions (continued)

- Honors programs will continue to be available in grade 7 and 8, based on student interest, skills & experiences.
- Our long range goal is to provide the opportunity for more students to succeed and lead to improved student achievement for all of our students (including the opportunity to take Regents examinations in Math & Science in Gr. 8 and additional STEM opportunities in HS).



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- Enhancing Profile
 - Increasing graduation rates
 - Summer of Success
 - STEM
 - Robotics
 - New HS courses
 - GED