

Gifted and Talented Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2025

Attendance: Martha Barwick, Molly Joyner, Alisa Janiski, Donna Kasnic, Kayla Parker, Tara Recor, Kathy Benton, Nacyllia Chambers, Pillar Klemans, Samuel MacNichol, Ify Lilian Ojiegbe, Laura Potter, Paige Workman

I. Member Introduction

a. Ice Breaker and introductions

II. Review of Gifted and Talented Updates

a. MSDE Math Policy: Laura Potter from the Office of Mathematics shared updates regarding the new math policy from MSDE and resources on the HCPS Math webpage.

b. GT Focus for 2025-2026: Our Problem of Practice for the 2025–2026 school year: *How can we build a service model around the 3E Differentiation Model that keeps instruction for gifted students grounded in curricular standards, while providing consistent district structure and school-level flexibility to ensure identified gifted students perform commensurate with their abilities?* GT teachers will use this focus to guide program development as we begin implementing Richard Cash's E3 Model, which includes three interconnected components: Enrichment- Focuses on the *unit* by going deeper within the current topic Extension-Focuses on the *discipline* by exploring broader subject-area concepts Enhancement- Focuses on *connecting content/systems* by making interdisciplinary connections.

c. Primary Talent Development: HCPS is currently piloting the Legends of Learning Analogies program in three Title I schools through the MSDE mini-grant. In second grade we aligned existing math and science curriculum to the REPI Scale (behavior rubric) and are working on continuing this into first grade for next year.

d. AP Course Update: The district plans to implement AP Precalculus county-wide and AP Business by training all AP Calculus and AP Business teachers through AP Summer Institute and selecting a textbook for AP Precalculus in Spring–Fall 2025. General Curriculum Committee approval for AP Precalculus and AP Business is scheduled for Fall 2025. An AP Summer Institute for all AP Business and AP Precalculus teachers will be held in Summer 2026, followed by full implementation of AP Precalculus and AP Business in Fall 2026.

e. Long-range Plan for GT: The HCPS Gifted and Talented 5-Year Plan focuses on improving identification, teacher development, curriculum, and support for advanced learners. Key efforts include exploring fairer screening tools, piloting enrichment programs in Title I schools,

expanding AP offerings, and developing strategies for twice-exceptional students.

III. Parent Night

a. Keynote Speaker will be Anthony Vargas from Advanced Academics and Gifted and talented Programs Office. The event will take place at Towson University in Northeastern MD on April 14th from 5-6:30pm and will include various vendors from Harford County that offer camps/programs in the areas of STEM, community clubs, summer camps, etc.

IV. Review Agenda for the 2025-2026 School Year

a. Set agenda for next meeting on 2-12-2026: We will meet to share any other updates from MSDE regarding the Math Policy, share updates to primary talent development, and updates on the GT Parent Night.