

MCCPTA Committee: Gifted Child Committee 2010/ 2011

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Committee Members

Chairpersons of local PTA Gifted Child Committees/local PTA GT Liaisons; other interested persons

Vision

How does the work of your committee support the objects and mission of PTA and the focus of MCCPTA?

MCPS is committed to “promoting rigorous performance standards and providing instructional programs that encourage all students to achieve at their highest level.” We support and advocate on behalf of children who require accelerated and enriched instruction within MCPS in order to achieve their full potential. We seek to increase public awareness of the special needs of all highly able learners and to assist their parents in guiding the education of these children, in order to ensure that they are adequately identified and educated. We work to ensure that MCPS systematically provides appropriate programming to meet equitably each child’s unique gifts and talents in compliance with Policy IOA.

Goals

Give a summary statement of your committee's goals for this year. Consider how you will identify attainment.

1. Provide resources for parents in Montgomery County and support them in advocating for appropriate accelerated and enriched instruction for highly able students.
2. Identify effective acceleration/enrichment practices within MCPS, including practices developed for magnet programs, and promote their effective implementation in all local schools across the County.
3. Identify best practices from outside MCPS for education of highly able learners, including classroom and cluster grouping practices supported by research, and advocate for their implementation in all local schools across the County.
3. Represent MCCPTA on the Accelerated and Enriched Instruction Advisory Board.
4. Advocate in support of the MCCPTA Resolution: Gifted and Talented Curriculum in Middle Schools, which was approved on April 25, 2006, including the promotion of the development of “sequenced and systematic higher level gifted and talented curricula” in all grades and subject areas.
5. Advocate in support of the MCCPTA Resolution: MCCPTA Resolution on Middle School Advanced Courses, which was approved on April 27, 2010.

Action Steps

What does your committee plan to do to achieve these goals? Include plans for meetings, mailings, etc., interaction with other MCCPTA committees, MCPS staff you may work with and in what capacity, other county, state or federal agencies, organizations you may contact as part of your action plan.

1. Revitalize the Gifted Child Committee by recruiting local PTA GT Liaisons from every school in the County.

2. Revive and continue the MCCPTA eList for use by GT Liaisons to inform them of upcoming events or meetings, resources available and other items of interest.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MCCPTAGiftedChildCommittee/>

3. Provide at least three informational/training meetings for GT Liaisons and other interested parents and members of the community. The meetings will include a fall Training Session for GT Liaisons, at which we will .

- Disseminate general GT information regarding global screening, acceleration opportunities in reading and mathematics, and accelerated/center/magnet programs available to individual students and the mechanics and deadlines of applying to those programs.
- Discuss any changes in programs, staffing, and transportation due to ongoing budget concerns and how schools can advocate for preservation of necessary programs
- Alert liaisons to programs that exist in some MCPS schools and how they can advocate for expansion of such programs to their own schools.

We will solicit ideas for additional meetings from committee members.

4. Monitor the curriculum changes involved with the roll out of the Common Core Standards and ensure that GT needs are being met.

Expenses

We estimate that our expenses will be \$150 for refreshments/ snacks for our meetings.