# Daniell Middle School 2021-2022

#### **Accelerated Content**

#### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. What are the benefits of the AC program?

A: Intellectually bright students have unique learning characteristics, interests, personal needs, and capabilities. The Accelerated Content classes address these unique characteristics and needs by providing an opportunity for students to interact with their intellectual peers as they participate in classes which extend and enrich the core curriculum.

#### 2. What are the benefits to the change in the selection criteria?

A: This process allows for the examination of the wholistic child and allows for increased opportunity to qualify for AC classes.

## 3. Does my completing the various components of the rubric ensure my automatic placement into the AC program?

A: This process is for consideration only and does not guarantee placement. There are other factors that must considered including course offerings and class size.

# 4. I want to recommend my child for AC classes and will complete the parent recommendation form. Will my child's teachers automatically know to complete the teacher recommendation?

A: You must contact your child's teachers to initiate that process. Each content teacher will need to fill out a teacher recommendation. For example, the math teacher can only recommend for math placement.

#### 5. When/how will I be notified that my child received any AC classes?

A: The schedule that the student will receive in the Fall will communicate their enrollment in AC classes.

### 6. If my child is selected to be placed into AC classes are there additional requirements?

A: An AC student must maintain an 80% class average.

#### 7. Is there an automatic referral process?

A: Students who have a standardized test score at least in the 85<sup>th</sup> %tile as measured by IOWA, CoGAT, and/or GA Milestones will be automatically referred. However, that automatic referral does not guarantee placement.

#### 8. Can I recommend my child for any AC class at any level?

A: Recommendation for an accelerated math class can not take place past the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 7<sup>th</sup> grade. All other recommendations can take place throughout the duration of a student's middle school career.

#### 9. Can I complete a recommendation form at any point in the school year?

A: All requests must take place at either the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester or the end of the school year.

#### 10. If they are already in AC classes at Daniell does this rubric have to be completed?

A: Students who are already enrolled in AC classes do not need to complete additional requirements.

## 11. My student is coming in from outside of the district, how should we handle this process?

A: Contact the school to determine next steps.

