



memo

To: The Board of Education and Dr. Patrick Broncato, Superintendent
From: Greg Wolcott, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
Date: April 20, 2026
Subject: Gifted Services/ Honors Science at Jefferson Junior High School

Following the comprehensive Gifted Audit and two months of extensive stakeholder input—including public comments and work sessions held throughout February and March 2026—the suggestion is to implement an Honors Science program at Jefferson Junior High and continue the Gifted Social Studies program.

This recommendation is driven by the need to align our junior high curriculum with the "open access" honors model at the high school level. The goal is to ensure that the ability to select an honors course as a freshman is matched by the academic preparation required to succeed in it.

The alternative suggestion would be to create an Honors Social Studies program with self-selected entrance, along with an Honors Science program with self-selected entrance.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the suggestion that the Board of Education approve the implementation of an Honors Science program at Jefferson Junior High and the continuation of the Gifted Social Studies program.