

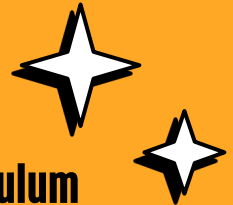
**Quincy Public Schools presents:**

**~Reach~**

**Advanced Opportunities for Grade 5 Parent Information Session**

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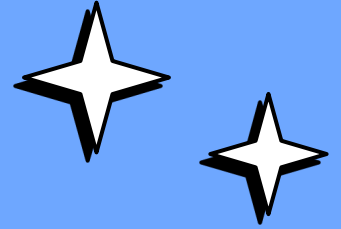


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**What is Reach?**



# New Design



Reach is a newly-designed opportunity for students who demonstrate advanced potential. This opportunity is intended to ensure equity across the district by offering the same services for these learners at each school. It is designed to engage students in rigorous interdisciplinary activities and projects that will support and deepen complex, abstract and higher-level thinking skills. Reach incorporates proven methodologies and theories of high-ability learners. It focuses on developing and enhancing students' independent and collaborative research skills, while incorporating practices and structures that address the unique social and emotional needs of these learners.





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# The Planning Team



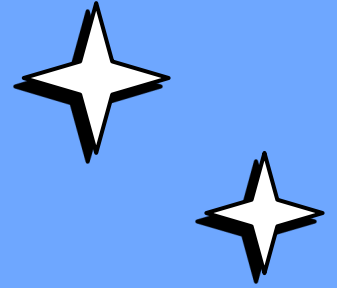
- Comprised of parent representatives, elementary and middle school teachers, curriculum and assessment team members, and principals
- Held meetings from February through June
- Focused on the current grade 5 screening protocol and communication
- Started a redesign of the advanced placement model



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The Reach  
Mission

# MISSION STATEMENT



The Quincy Public Schools recognizes that students across the district exhibit the potential for higher-than-average performance across intellectual and academic disciplines. In response, the mission of Reach is to create a learning community that ensures equitable access to services at all schools. Reach will provide qualifying students with the opportunity to develop complex, abstract and higher level thinking skills while broadening, students' competencies across disciplines. Reach will support the social and emotional needs of students and assist students in acquiring increased self-awareness of personal strengths and weaknesses, thus helping them to ***reach*** their maximum potential.



# The Benefits



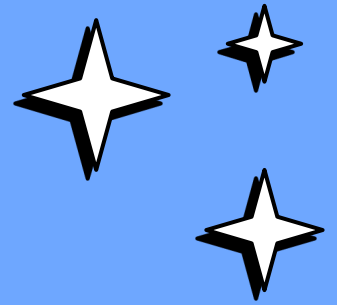
- Increases the number of students exposed to advanced curriculum at earlier grade levels
- Increased enrollment in historically underrepresented schools
- Builds equitable experiences across the district
- More efficient use of time and resources (no travel time, half-day can be built into the schedule)
- Increased student engagement with more classmates from their own school
- Builds awareness and knowledge of attributes and characteristics of advanced students across the district



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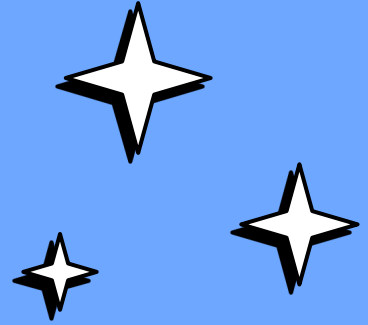
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# Reach Students



1. Continued focus on grade 5 students in 2021-2022 school year
2. Current grade 4 students, in the top 20% of their school and district, will be invited to participate in our pilot program
3. Letters will go out on June 25th
4. Provide equitable access to advanced opportunities across the district.
5. Consider ways to expand into grades 4 and if possible grade 3
6. Collaborate with teachers to provide advanced opportunities

# Eligibility for the Advanced Placement Center (APC) in Middle School



1. Participation in REACH does not guarantee acceptance into the APC program.
2. The current screening process for APC is still being used for eligibility
3. Students who do not participate in REACH may still be screened for APC, if their academic and assessment history aligns with the eligibility criteria for screening.

# Thank you and Questions



Please visit our website [www.quincypublicschools.com](http://www.quincypublicschools.com) for more information about advanced opportunities in the Quincy Public Schools.

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