

## PLACEMENT PHILOSOPHY FOR ACCELERATED CLASSES

At H.B.W. placement is based on student performance and academic readiness. Not all students develop and/or display academic readiness at the same time in Middle School, and the District believes in allowing students the opportunity to mature and develop without adding undue academic stress. Therefore, placement in accelerated courses at H.B.W. is predicated on demonstrated performance, not student potential.

There is most definitely a difference between accelerated class placement at V.H.S. and accelerated class placement at H.B.W. which is developmental in philosophy. By the time students enter V.H.S. and want to challenge themselves with honors classes, they have a sound foundation in the basics and are able to decide for themselves that they want and need a challenge. That is the major idea behind the override policy at for honors classes at V.H.S. At H.B.W. placement is strictly building-based.