

Dear parents and guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with detailed information about the Neshaminy School District plan for the Academic Enrichment (AE) program for the upcoming school year and in the future. Some discussion about this has appeared on social media recently, and we would like to ensure that you have the correct facts about these plans.

During the 2015-2016 school year, all elementary school teachers will retain responsibility for teaching the core curriculum and differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all students. One full-time librarian has been assigned to each building. The role of the librarian is to serve as the single point person for AE and augment AE services through project-based learning activities, similar in scope to what they have done in the past, and plan special enrichment activities that include seminars and ample opportunities for AE students to work together as a cohort group of students throughout the school year. Our librarians will *not* be teaching core subjects, but rather supporting them as requested by your child's teacher. We will also be introducing a 'Power Hour' which will provide student access to enrichment activities on a daily basis.

These changes will allow additional learning time for students and increased teacher engagement in enrichment activities.

Also beginning with the upcoming school year, the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Department will assume administrative oversight of AE Services districtwide and lead a year-long planning effort to restructure and enhance the academic enrichment services delivery system for implementation in the 2016-17 school year.

Neshaminy School District is committed to continuously reviewing and improving our AE program, as well as other educational programs for all students. We invite you to read the Academic Enrichment Program Quality Review Report and the district response / action plan on the district web site home page, www.neshaminy.org.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Department at 215-809-6510.

Sincerely,

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