

Summary for ACI Meeting October 17, 2018

ACI reviewed two of five recommending-year committee reports. ACI school and community representatives will have until October 29th at 5:00 p.m. to record their evaluation of the recommendations against a grading rubric. At the January 9th meeting, the ACI will rank the recommendations to be forwarded to the School Board.

Three recommendations by the World Languages Advisory Committee were discussed. (1) APS should apply standards-based testing for all 5th grade FLES students. At present half of the schools are tested each year. (2) APS should increase Spanish literacy instruction in elementary immersion classes by expanding Spanish instructional time in grades K-2. At present most literacy instruction in early years is provided in English. (3) The committee supports collaboration between World Languages and Social Studies to prepare complementary lesson topics.

Two recommendations by the Gifted Services Advisory Committee were discussed. (1) Pilot an intensified English 7 course at all middle schools. The course would be open to all 7th graders. At present APS offers multiple levels of 7th grade coursework in Math and Spanish but not in English. (2) Fund a Teacher Specialist staff position in the Office of Gifted Services. Teacher specialists are funded for multiple APS programs including English Language Arts, Math, Special Education, and others.