Proposal for Middle School Math In-STEP 2007-08

Goal of this Pilot:

• To identify and provide students who demonstrate capabilities in math that are at or beyond two years above grade level with an In-STEP

Initial Parameters for Participation (just one is required):

• 4th grade WKCE math score (top 5%)

<u>Timeline</u> January

or

• Teacher recommendation (elicited through an email communication; see attachment)

February

or

 Parent recommendation (elicited through a letter with assessment information and sample problems mailed to MMSD 5th grade families of students who received 90-94th percentile on 4th grade WKCE math score) February

Process:

Testing session(s), utilizing:

March

- Multiple choice [Objective/factual/procedural content] and constructed response [adaptive reasoning/problem-solving skills] items covering 6th grade math standards
- O Students who score at 80% or above on the 6th grade math standards test will be tested on a multiple choice and constructed response items assessment covering 7th and 8th grade math standards
- o MAP test (Objective/factual/procedural content) [will be looking to use this in the future to further enhance reliability]
- Administered by TAG resource staff
- Scored by TAG resource staff

March/April

Accommodations for ELL & EEN provided

Placement:

• In-STEP process with middle school learning coordinators, principals and families for students indicating the need for 2-year acceleration. In-STEP options offered & discussed: 6th grade math, 7th grade math, 8th grade math & algebra.

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Evaluation:

• TAG & Math teams meet together to review results & provide input for revisions

Apr.-May

• Testing process is updated and improved each year