

May 25, 2011

AMEND BOARD REPORT 08-1022-P01
MIDDLE GRADES SPECIALIZATION POLICY

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board amend the Middle Grades Specialization Policy.

PURPOSE:

To require 1) that Chicago Public Schools ("CPS") students in grades 6, 7 and 8 receive instruction in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies from teachers as required by the Illinois State

Board of Education as Middle Grade Content Area Specialists in those content areas; and 2) that a sufficient number of teaching positions be programmed for Middle Grades Content Area Specialist teachers; and 3) that schools, where possible, use a departmentalized model when providing instruction to middle grades students.

POLICY TEXT:

1. **Definition:** For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

educational considerations at the school or unit make compliance impossible or educationally imprudent. The Chief Human Capital Officer in collaboration with the Chief Education Officer shall establish Guidelines to Implement Middle Grade Specialization, which may be amended or modified from time to time as determined by the Chief Education Officer and the Chief Human Capital Officer. Said Guidelines shall include but not be limited to:

- A. A formula or formulas for determining the number of positions to be designated as Middle Grade Content Area Specialists, including a mechanism for applying that formula to schools and units that receive per pupil funding; and

~~B. Processes by which schools and units may seek a waiver or modification of the requirements of~~

Reviewed for Consideration:

Respectfully Submitted:

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