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Issue The problem I have identified is that, in my school system, honours and Advanced Placement classes are open enrollment, which leads to students not suited to the class being placed in the class. This impacts both the higher achieving students and the students not tailored to the class as it will create a large schism in grades they each achieve.

Project Description I have made contact with not only the heads of curriculum at my school but also the school board for Alexandria City Public Schools in an effort to reform the current method of honours and AP enrollment. I have communicated by means of speaking at meeting and holding meeting with assistant principles. Also I have done surveys for the opinions of the student body on the subject . I have also co-founded an organisation that consists of students who feel as strongly as I do about the situation to act as a voice for the student body. My key message is that since teachers have to tend to a wide range of learning capabilities in their classroom they cannot tailor the course for the individuals to achieve their potentials. However if the students were put in a class better suited to their ability the teachers would have less of a gap in attainment and learning capability to tend to ergo getting each student closer to their potential.

Project Outcome So far the result of my project are that the school board is considering my proposal. However I would like this to be a common method used in school throughout district eight to ensure each and every student has a better chance of achieving their potential.

Request I would like my representatives and senators to take into consideration that they should consider a form of standardised process a student must undergo in order to enroll in an honours or Advanced Placement class.