

HCMS has recognized the need for additional support for all of our students. Therefore, a trial run of our new program, DART, will be implemented at the Eighth Grade Academy for the remainder of first semester. The purpose of the DART Program lies in the acronym: D - Development; A - Acceleration; R - Remedial; T - Tutorial. In order to implement this program, the 8th grade students have been condensed into six homerooms which will allow the team of teachers an additional planning period. The original schedule allotted each teacher a planning period every other day. It is during this additional planning period that the DART Program will operate. Teachers will receive additional professional development which will help to make them more effective teachers. Small groups of approximately 5-10 students will be pulled from either Spanish or PE for 30-45 minute sessions to focus on acceleration of skills, remediation on gaps in key skills, and tutorial sessions (which may not be an option after school for parents due to reasons such as transportation). We will be utilizing data collection as a means of documenting the program's effectiveness. We are very hopeful in the success of this program in order to continue its operation second semester and to begin implementation at the main campus to support our 6th and 7th graders. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jerilyn Robinson, Curriculum Assistant Principal [JRobinson@hapevillecharter.org](mailto:JRobinson@hapevillecharter.org) or Mrs. JentrellStembridge, Literacy Coach [JStembridge@hapevillecharter.org](mailto:JStembridge@hapevillecharter.org)

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Thank you,  
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"As a teacher I feel I have a moral obligation to help the children in my classroom grow toward becoming full human beings and to feel successful. Teaching cognitive skills is not enough..."  
-Jean Medick

"The mission of Hapeville Charter Middle School is to prepare each student, within a safe and caring learning environment, for successful transition to high school."

