

EXPOSURE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVANCED COURSEWORK

Problem Statement

EVSC does not have enough students from underrepresented groups who are ready to take advanced coursework in high school.

•Two main aspects of this initiative:

- **Identify and target potential students for honors classes by incorporating a selection tool into the current identification process**
- **Offer summer training for teachers of honors courses to help them in developing a growth mindset**

EOAC PROJECT CHALLENGES

The overall challenge is communication/push back regarding:

- Staff Attitudes:** Principals are willing to explore new ways to look at finding more students for honors classes but there is not a consistent message to the teachers about the possible course of action for this to happen.
- Student Selection:** Staff are more inclined to use more traditional methods of choosing students. Additionally, some feel that they already have students that should not be in honors classes and now we are looking to add more.
- Course Offerings:** Majority of the middle schools do not have paths in place to allow for more advanced offerings in math courses like other middle schools.