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From Alderman Anthony Beale

Brooks High School Opening a Seventh and Eighth-Grade Academic Center

Because of its fine track-record, beginning in September 2016, Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy will open a selective-enrollment academic center for talented seventh and eighth graders from across the city.



The Academic Center houses a learning environment with an accelerated curriculum that includes high-school level and college-credit coursework. In addition, students enrolled in the district's academic centers are guaranteed admission to a selective enrollment high school.

"The expansion at Brooks will create a new high-quality option not only in Pullman and Roseland but on the far south side while establishing a continuum for accelerated academic programs at the school," said Alderman Beale.



By adding programming for seventh and eighth-grade students, Brooks will become the seventh high school in the district to house an Academic Center. The expansion will begin with seventh-grade students in fall 2016 and will incorporate eighth-graders in academic year 2017-2018.

"This expansion will allow Brooks to grow to its full potential," said Brooks Principal D'Andre Weaver. "Our students are already graduating and going on to pursue bright futures, which is why we are grateful for this investment that will now prepare seventh and eighth-graders for the rigors of a college preparatory high school environment so that they too can graduate from high school college ready and bound."