

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

In order to best inform Pre-Algebra placement for our incoming seventh grade students for the fall term, we will be administering two assessments in addition to STAR this spring. This testing will take place during the weeks of May 9th and May 16th.

Pre-Algebra is a rigorous and fast-paced course requiring a strong work ethic both in class and at home. Students in this class will be learning both the 7th and 8th grade skills and content while also developing problem-solving and critical thinking skills necessary for success in Accelerated Algebra I. Therefore, students need to have demonstrated an exemplary understanding of previous math concepts in order to be successful in this class.

Students will be selected for Pre-Algebra based on the criteria listed below.

- Spring STAR Assessment minimum score of 85 Percentile Rank
- Orleans Hanna (Algebra readiness assessment): minimum score of 45
- Skills Assessment: minimum score of 24

Results of STAR, Orleans Hanna and Skills Assessments will be reported via PowerSchool on June 12th. Once all data has been analyzed, official letters notifying parents of placement in Pre-Algebra will be sent out the last week of June. If your child does not receive qualifying scores, and you believe that this is not an accurate depiction of your child's skills, please contact me so we can meet to discuss the placement decision.

Seventh grade students who successfully complete Pre-Algebra will be considered for placement in an Accelerated Algebra class in eighth grade. For planning purposes with your child, please note that the two available paths for Mathematics freshman year are.

- Students who successfully complete Algebra I in the 8th grade will be placed in Geometry their freshman year and would then take Algebra II their sophomore year. Having completed the three core math classes, students may then select from the high school math electives of Discrete Mathematics, Finite Mathematics, Pre-Calculus, AP Statistics, Trigonometry, and Probability & Statistics their junior year. *Those students who selected Pre-Calculus may then take Calculus their senior year.*
- Students who complete Algebra I their freshman year are placed in Geometry their sophomore year and in Algebra II their junior year. These seniors have access to *all* the math electives listed above *with the exception of Calculus.*

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the placement process for pre-algebra, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

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