

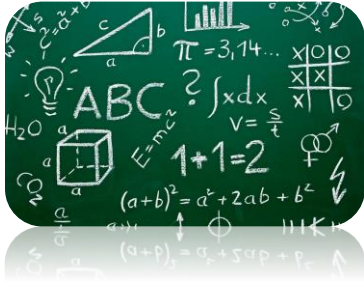


Middle School Accelerated Math

In an effort to prepare students for higher-level math classes and high school science, students who qualify for acceleration via the SUSD math placement test will be placed in an accelerated course, with like-minded peers, where they will receive

instruction on current grade level and next level standards. Teachers will be able to raise the level of rigor, increase the pace, and students will engage in meaningful math learning experiences. Following this trajectory, students will have a strong foundation and feel challenged. They will be

given the opportunity to reach the goal of AP Calculus their senior year of high school. Please see the 19-20 planning guide for the course trajectory and the FAQs for more information.



QUESTIONS

ANSWERS

How are students selected to be in the Accelerated Courses?

All students currently in 5th, 6th, and 7th grade math classes will take the Scottsdale Middle Grades Math Placement Test.

When will testing take place?

Acceleration testing will take place after AzMERIT. The testing window is from April 22 to May 10.

What content will the test cover?

The test will contain questions assessing a higher depth of knowledge covering current course material and fluency.

What courses will students be placed into as a result of this assessment?

Students will be placed into either a regular level math class, or an accelerated math course. 5th graders will either be placed into a regular 6th grade math course, or into 6th grade accelerated math. 7th graders will either be placed into a regular 7th grade course or into 7th grade accelerated math, and 8th graders will be placed into a regular 8th grade course or Algebra I.

What content will accelerated courses cover?

Accelerated courses will cover a blend of standards. 6th grade accelerated math will cover 6th and 7th grade standards. 7th grade accelerated math will cover 7th and 8th grade standards.

What if my student is truly ready to skip?

Double Acceleration will still be an option. This will allow students to take Honors Geo/Trig as an 8th grader. Top performers on the grade level acceleration test will be offered the opportunity to take the next level acceleration test. Successful scores on both assessments will qualify students to skip a course. Individual concerns will be addressed by middle school campus Principals.

Who do I contact if I disagree with my student's suggested placement?

All questions regarding math placement can be directed to your middle school campus Principal.

What about current middle school students who already skipped a grade?

Current students will follow the math path they have already started. They will be grouped into a course with like-minded peers so that the gaps can be addressed, but they will not receive a repeat of standards they covered this year.