



Advanced 7th Grade Math Program 2015-2016

Rationale

In order to provide equity for students in all buildings, 7th grade students will be able to participate in an advanced math class based on districtwide criteria. Being in the Extended Learning Program (ELP) is not a requirement for this program.

If students did not qualify for Advanced 6th Grade Math, they may be able to qualify for Advanced 7th Grade Math through a similar process to Advanced 6th Grade Math.

Process for Students to take Advanced 7th Grade Math

The following process will be used to consider students who may qualify for the program:

- 1) Student demonstrates advanced math abilities through participation in the Advanced 6th grade math.
- 2) Positive teacher assessment of math abilities and skills to be recommended for Advanced 7th Grade Math.

Students new to the district with incomplete information will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

With parent permission, students may opt out of the Advanced 7th grade math.

Appeal Process

If a parent or a teacher feels that a student should be considered for the Advanced 7th grade math program, they will provide information about the child to a district appointed committee. The information will include the following:

- 1) Test scores from norm-referenced test such as the Terra Nova, Woodcock Johnson, or Cognitive Abilities Test.
- 2) Previous years' math grades
- 3) Any current teacher's or former teacher's assessment of math abilities and skills
- 4) Reasoning behind recommended placement

Any student that is being considered for Advanced 7th Grade Math **who has not taken** Advanced 6th Grade Math will need to successfully complete a placement test to demonstrate adequate knowledge of Advanced 6th Grade math.

Student Monitoring

Students are expected to fully participate in all classes, complete homework assignments by the set due date, maintain a "B" average or higher, and conduct themselves with a sense of pride, respect and self-discipline. When a student's grade falls below a "B" at the quarter or for an extended period of time, then a discussion about proper placement may be held with parents.