



Parents of incoming 6th graders,

We are excited to offer a new academic opportunity for your student for the 2019-2020 school year. In addition to the 6th grade math course, we will also offer a 6th Grade math Pre-AP course option. The addition of this course will allow students the opportunity to enroll in Math Pre-AP if a student is interested in the opportunity to begin working toward an accelerated mathematics pathway. A course description of both classes is provided below:

6th Grade Math – While this course is not accelerated, it is fast-paced and provides options for differentiation of the 6th grade math curriculum. The content covers 52 grade-level TEKS with a primary focus on integer operations, multiplying and dividing positive rational numbers, proportions/unit rates, representing one-step algebraic relationships with equations, tables and graphs, solving geometric concepts using algebraic relationships, and summarizing statistical data.

6th Grade Math Pre-AP – This course will be compacted and accelerated as it will extend the 6th grade TEKS and incorporate the 7th grade standards that vertically align with the 6th grade content. Students with strong computation, problem-solving and higher order thinking skills will enjoy the challenge that this course provides.

The math department recommends that your student has met *one* of the following qualifications prior to enrollment in the Pre-AP class.

- Maintained an 85 or higher average in 5th grade math
- Attained Mastery Level on STAAR
- Attained a Math MAP score of 230 or higher
- Possesses a High interest in math reasoning

Although these attributes are highly recommended, ultimately the decision to enroll is up to the parent/guardian *and* the student.

Your child's success is the ultimate goal, and if it is determined that this placement is not appropriate, a conference will be scheduled to discuss a plan of action (see Pre-AP Course Contract).

Please refer to the updated math pathways on the back of this letter for both the intermediate and middle school.

We are looking forward to the opportunity to best meet the individual needs of your child next school year.