

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope this message finds you well. We are excited to share with you the positive news that your 5th grader has been selected to participate in our Advanced Math Program. This program has been carefully designed to provide your student with a challenging and rigorous curriculum aligned with your student's demonstrated ability in mathematics, ensuring they are well prepared for future academic success.

Why Math Matters:

Research indicates that math, more than reading, is a strong predictor of future academic achievements. Specifically, participating in advanced math courses during middle and high school has numerous benefits for your student:

- 1. Opportunity for Success:** taking advanced math courses in middle and high school significantly increases the likelihood of students earning a credential, associate degree, or bachelor's degree.
- 2. College Credit in High School:** Students who engage in college aligned courses (such as Dual Credit (DC), Advanced Placement (AP), OnRamps) and/or complete a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program of study during high school are twice as likely to earn a credential, associate or bachelor's degree.
- 3. Increased Access and Wages:** Completing Algebra I in 8th grade has been linked to higher rates of postsecondary credential completion and increased wages in the workplace.

Advanced Math Pathway Overview:

6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Math 6/7	Math 7/8	Algebra 1	Advanced Geometry	Advanced Algebra II PreAP Algebra II OnRamps College Algebra	Pre-Calc, DC, OR, or AP Stats	DC, OR or AP Stats, DC or AP Calculus

By embarking on this path, your student can begin high school coursework in 8th grade, exploring advanced math courses like Dual Credit and Advanced Placement (AP) in high school. This early exposure significantly increases the likelihood of your student earning a postsecondary credential or degree, six times over.

Our goal is to support and encourage your student to follow a math pathway that aligns with their current needs and future goals. We believe that this program will empower your student to excel in their mathematical pursuits and contribute to their overall academic success.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us. We look forward to partnering with you to ensure a bright and successful academic journey for your student.

If you prefer that your student not participate in this program, please let us know by filling out the attached opt-out form and contacting your school counselor <INSERT NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION> by <INSERT DATE>.

Sincerely

[Your School Name]