

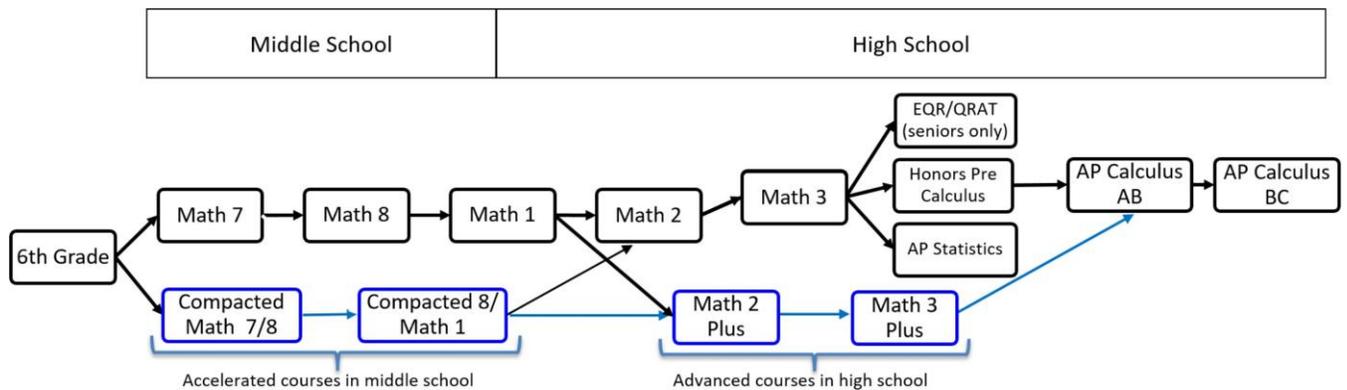
April 5, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians of 6th Grade Students,

Within the mathematics course progressing from kindergarten through high school, SCUSD has created opportunities for placement into accelerated/advanced math courses at 2 “decision points”. The first of which comes after 6th grade and the second of which comes after students have completed Math 1 (in either middle school or high school).

All students in SCUSD have the opportunity to be placed in an accelerated/advanced mathematics course at either or both decision points, and district-wide placement criteria have been established in order to determine the most appropriate placement for students.

See progression of mathematics courses below:



Upon entering 7th Grade, students will take either Math 7 or Compacted Math 7/8. SCUSD's Compacted Math 7/8 is a rigorous mathematics course that addresses all of the Grade 7 Mathematics standards and some of the Grade 8 standards at an accelerated pace.

Placement criteria for Compacted Math 7/8 includes 6th grade report card scores in mathematics, placement assessment scores, and an optional recommendation form.

The district placement assessment for out-of-district students will be on **Wednesday May 26 from 3:00 – 5:00pm** on Zoom.

If you think that Math 7 is the most appropriate placement for your student for the 2021-22 school year, *you do not need to do anything.*

If you would like your student to take the district assessment for potential placement into Compacted Math 7/8, please start by completing the Optional Recommendation Form here: <http://www.tinyurl.com/Math7-8Rec>.

Once you complete the form, you will receive an email confirmation with additional information and the Zoom link for the assessment.

The assessment consists of two parts: 1) multiple choice, and 2) open-ended tasks that require students to apply 6th grade math concepts and explain their thinking.

If you think that your student belongs in a course that is *higher* than Math 7/8, you can find more information about our District Challenge Process [here](#). If you are unsure about which math course is the most appropriate placement for your student, please email or call our district math specialist, Suzie Craig, for guidance.

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