

Math Night

Frequently asked Questions

1. How will students be assessed for acceleration?

This year students took 2 diagnostic assessments one that is a constructed response that mirrors the rigor of SBAC and has students solve each problem. The second was similar to a district benchmark assessment, where students solved problems and answered on a scantron sheet.

2. What is the difference between the paths?

Both paths have the same rigor of Common Core State Standards. The accelerated path is the same content that has students work at a faster pace, covering more than one course in a given year.

3. My child wasn't able to study for the acceleration test, what if he or she doesn't make the percentage to be accelerated?

Diagnostic tests aren't meant to be "studied" for. Diagnostic tests have students work through math problems in order to confirm which skills students have mastered and what areas students need extra support to be successful.

4. What book will be used for the acceleration classes?

The math books used for the accelerated class will be College Preparatory Math (CPM) Course 2 and Course 3 (same as all 7th and 8th graders). For Common Core Math 1 we will use the same curriculum as East Side Union High School District, which is Math Vision Project.

5. If my child is not in the accelerated class, will they be eligible for advance courses in high school?

Yes, your child will be eligible for advanced classes in the future. Eastside Union School District has dedicated 2 periods for electives which provides an opportunity for additional math classes if a student chooses this option.

6. When will the assessments begin and when will we know the results?

This year the tests were administered April through May. The results will be shared no later than June 10th

7. If my child takes CCM6, CCM7, CCM8, in middle school, will he/she meet A-G requirements in high school and be eligible for UC and State colleges?

Yes

8. How many accelerated classes will there be?

- All classes are built based on the data from the assessments

9. Will we be testing at the same time each year?

- We will test annually, moving forward, testing for math will be administered in early March.

10. What are the criteria?

- This current year there were two math assessments administered. One was similar to the SBAC test where students showed extended thinking/problem solving. The second was similar to a multiple choice test.
- The same criteria for eligibility will be used across all three middle schools. This is not the only opportunity to accelerate. Common core math is more rigorous than previous California math classes. Time spent in class is what makes it accelerated not the content. The accelerated path includes the same content, just at a faster pace. Math teachers will receive extensive training to support teacher practice in the classroom.

Acceleration isn't for everyone, building a solid foundation is what is important.

11. If my child takes accelerated Math, will he or she miss other electives?

- 8th grade students can choose to still have an elective. However, that will mean they would need to be scheduled a zero period class which will begin at 7 am.