

7th grade Math Placement Information Spring 2017

State Math Courses for 7th grade:

- 7th Grade Math – **open enrollment**
- 7th Grade Pre-Algebra Pre-AP (one year advanced) – **open enrollment**
- 7th Grade Algebra 1 (high school course, two years advanced) – **must qualify**

6th Grade Level Math → 7th Grade Math or 7th Grade Pre-Algebra Pre-AP

Students currently enrolled in 6th Grade Level Math may enroll in either 7th Grade Math or 7th Grade Pre-Algebra Pre-AP. Both of those courses have open enrollment, so parents/guardians may choose whichever course they determine their student is better prepared. All 6th grade students will be given the District Pre-Algebra Readiness Exam at school as one measure for determining the correct math course for each child. Parents/Guardians should consider the following pieces of data to make an informed decision:

- Math course grades
- STAAR results (Math and Reading)
- Placement exam results
- Evidence of numerical fluency (including fact checks)
- DRA level
- Study habits
- Teacher observation/feedback

6th Grade Advanced Math → 7th Grade Pre-Algebra Pre-AP or 7th Grade Algebra 1

Students currently enrolled in 6th Grade Advanced Math will enroll in either 7th Grade Pre-Algebra Pre-AP or 7th Grade Algebra 1. Since Algebra 1 does not have open enrollment, students must qualify in order to take that course. All 6th grade students will be given a District Pre-Algebra Readiness Exam at school, and any student in 6th Grade Advanced Math that scores a 70 or higher on the District Pre-Algebra Readiness Exam will be given the District Algebra Readiness Exam. Students must score a 70 or higher on both exams in order to be eligible for 7th Grade Algebra 1. Placement is a campus decision, and the following criteria should be used to determine placement in 7th Grade Algebra 1:

- 80 or higher average in 6th grade Advanced Math
- 70% or higher on the Pre-Algebra Readiness Exam
- 70% or higher on the Algebra Readiness Exam
- Previous STAAR performance
- Strong sense of numeracy
- Strong study habits
- Teacher observation/feedback
- Strong desire to be in the class

The Pre-Algebra and Algebra Readiness exams will both be available online through Eduphoria beginning **February 13, 2017**. The window will remain open for the remainder of the school year. Intermediate campuses will attempt to makeup test any student who misses on the day of testing at his/her campus. Students have 60 minutes to complete the test and are NOT allowed to use calculators or formula charts for these exams. Intermediate math teachers and junior high campuses will share with parents/guardians the results of their readiness exams.

