

SDUHSD Middle School Math Placement

Philosophy and Policy

Most students will be enrolled in their grade level math course. Students may elect to access our honors level math courses. Other students will be recommended for a below grade level math course.

6th grade students will be given a math placement test to help ensure students and their parents select an appropriate math class for 7th grade. We will also use 5th grade STAR Math scores and 1st semester 6th grade classroom Math performance as indicators for 7th grade Math placement.

Using the above criteria, SDUHSD will recommend a 7th grade Math course for each student. SDUHSD believes students should meet 2 out of the three criteria to enroll in Honors Pre-Algebra as a 7th grader. Research and history show this criteria is a successful indicator to help students select the correct 7th grade Math course.

Honors Algebra 1 for 7th graders is considered a “grade skip”. In order for 7th graders to enroll in this course, they must meet the criteria. No exceptions.

A student must meet both criteria listed below to be eligible to enroll in Honors Algebra 1 as a 7th grader:

1. 75% or better on the SDUHSD Honors Algebra 1 Readiness Exam.
2. Advanced 5th grade Math STAR score.

SDUHSD Board Policy allows for a student to drop or change math course levels up to the end of the fourth week of school. It is important that students are placed carefully. Please follow our recommendations for math placement. Transferring Math levels, even during the first four weeks is difficult for 7th graders. After four weeks, students are not allowed to transfer, per SDUHSD Board Policy.

7th Grade SDUHSD Math Placement Options 2009-10

Course

Criteria

Pre-Algebra Essentials

Below grade level remedial course.

Low grades and Far Below Basic and Below Basic CST scores will be evaluated by our staff for placement recommendations.

Pre-Algebra

Grade Level Course

Honors Pre-Algebra

Grade Level Course (Advanced Level)
Recommend 2 out of 3:

1. 34/45 on "Math Diagnostic Testing and Placement Algebra 1 Readiness Exam"
 2. Advanced math score on 5th grade CST
 3. "B" or better in 1st semester/2nd trimester 6th grade Math
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Honors Algebra 1

Honors Algebra 1 is an 8th grade honors course, open to high performing 7th graders. Students must meet both criteria to be eligible for this course in 7th grade. No exceptions.

- * 1. 75% or better on SDUHSD Honors Algebra Readiness exam.
 - 2. Advanced on 5th grade math STAR score.
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* Current 6th graders may take the SDUHSD Honors Algebra Readiness Exam at any of the following places, regardless of the middle school they plan to attend. Results will be made available to you no later than June 11, 2009.

Algebra 1 Honors Readiness Exam Information

- Select only one test session, and please confirm a reservation by calling the middle school where you are testing. See below for contact information.
- Details for actual room # and supplies needed will be posted on school web sites by May 7.
- Exam is scheduled for 2 hours, but many will complete the exam early.

Carmel Valley M.S.

Date		Time
- Saturday	May 30	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Monday	June 1	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Diegueño M.S.

Date		Time
- Tuesday	May 26	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday	May 27	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Earl Warren M.S.

Date		Time
- Wednesday	May 27	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday	May 28	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Oak Crest M.S.

Date		Time
- Thursday	May 28	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Friday	May 29	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Middle School Phone Numbers:

Carmel Valley MS:	(858) 481-8221, ext. 3005
Diegueño MS:	(760) 944-1892, ext. 6683
Earl Warren MS:	(858) 755-1558, ext. 4410
Oak Crest MS:	(760) 753-6241, ext. 3305

Middle School Math Courses

2009-10 7th Grade

Course	For Students	Instructional Materials
Pre-Algebra Essentials	Below Basic Math 7 th	Prealgebra, Prentice Hall
* Pre-Algebra	Standard 7 th Math (grade level)	Prealgebra, Prentice Hall
Honors Pre-Algebra	Advanced 7 th Math	Mathematics, Structure & Method, McDougal Littell
Honors Algebra 1	Grade ahead Math for 7 th graders	Algebra 1, Houghton Mifflin

8th Grade

Algebra Readiness	Below Basic Math – 8 th (students move from #1)	Algebra Readiness, Prentice Hall
Algebra 1A	Part 1 of a 2-year Algebra 1 sequence for 8 th graders. Part 2 of the 2-year Algebra 1 course is taken as a 9 th grader	Algebra 1, Prentice Hall
* Algebra 1	Standard 8 th Math (grade level)	Algebra 1, Prentice Hall
** Honors Algebra 1	Advanced 8 th Math	Algebra 1, Houghton Mifflin
Honors Geometry	Grade ahead Math for 8 th graders (CV & EW only – DNO & OC will offer 2010-11)	College Geometry, Prentice Hall

* - Grade Level Course

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2. Advanced 5th Grade math STAR score