

# Middle School Math Placement Criteria – Spring 2011 Recommendations

Options for Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

Options for Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Graders

Options for Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Math	Pre-Algebra	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math Plus	Algebra I
<p>Students who are enrolled in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math and meet <u>TWO</u> of the three criteria listed below <i>are</i> recommended for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Math.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>EOG Score</b> - High Level III or IV on either :                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> grade (SS ≥ 354) OR</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> grade (SS ≥ 359)</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Profile Card</b> - Level III or IV with 2 samples of work attached</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Professional Judgment</b> - Student is ready for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Math even though he/she only meets one of the other two criteria</li> </ul>	<p><b>Phase 1: Regular Recommendations</b></p> <p>Students who are enrolled in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math or 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Math and meet <u>TWO</u> of the three criteria listed below <i>are</i> recommended for Pre-Algebra.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>EOG Score</b> - High Level III or IV on either:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> grade (SS ≥ 359) OR</li> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> grade (SS ≥ 361)</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unit Test Average</b> - 90% or higher from 6<sup>th</sup> grade math class</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Professional Judgment</b> - Student is ready for Pre-Algebra even though he/she only meets one of the other two criteria</li> </ul>	<p>Students who are enrolled in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math (or Pre-Algebra, but are not expected to pass) and meet <u>TWO</u> of the three criteria listed below <i>are</i> recommended for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Plus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>EOG Score</b> - High Level III or IV on either:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> grade (SS ≥ 361) OR</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> grade (SS ≥ 363)</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unit Test Average</b> - 90% or higher in 7<sup>th</sup> grade math class</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Professional Judgment</b> - Student is ready for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Plus even though he/she only meets one of the other two criteria</li> </ul>	<p>Students who are enrolled in Pre-Algebra and meet <u>TWO</u> of the three criteria listed below <i>are</i> recommended for Algebra I.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>EOG Score</b> - High Level III or IV on either:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> grade (SS ≥ 361) OR</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> grade (SS ≥ 363)</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unit Test Average</b> - 90% or higher from Pre-Algebra</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Professional Judgment</b> - Student is ready for Algebra I even though he/she only meets one of the other two criteria</li> </ul>
<p><b>Phase 2: Utilization of EVAAS tool for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Math, Pre-Algebra &amp; Algebra I placement</b></p>			
<p>⇒ Compare list of recommended students to list of EVAAS eligible students for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Math, Pre-Algebra and Algebra I (as defined below).</p> <p>⇒ For each EVAAS eligible student not already recommended for higher course placement, do an override to place student in higher course <i>OR</i> record a compelling reason code for why student should not be placed into higher course.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reason Codes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Student is not enrolled in necessary pre-requisite course.</li> <li>2) Student is currently failing necessary pre-requisite course. → Any student with this code should go on the “counselor watch list” for grades to be revisited at the end of the year. If the student passes the pre-requisite course, the student should be placed into the higher level class.</li> <li>3) Parent requests lower placement. → This code should only be used after recommendations have been sent home and parents have responded.</li> <li>4) Other, please specify.</li> </ol>			
<p><b>EVAAS achievement probability</b> - 70% or higher for Level III in Algebra I</p>	<p><b>EVAAS achievement probability</b> - 70% or higher for a Level III in Algebra I</p>	<p><i>EVAAS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade EOG prediction not available for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students</i></p>	<p><b>EVAAS achievement probability</b> - 70% or higher for a Level III in Algebra I</p>
<p>Any 5<sup>th</sup> grade student not recommended for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Math should be placed in <b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math.*</b></p>	<p>Any 6<sup>th</sup> grade student not recommended for Pre-Algebra should be placed in <b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math.**</b></p>	<p>Any 7<sup>th</sup> grade student not recommended for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Plus or Algebra I should be placed in <b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math.***</b></p>	
<p>* For a student to be recommended for <b>Pre-Algebra in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade</b>, he/she should have been taught in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum and have shown mastery (Level IV) on the 6<sup>th</sup> grade profile card, along with two Level IV work samples from each quarter.</p>	<p>** For a student to be recommended for <b>Algebra I in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade</b>, he/she should have been taught the Pre-Algebra curriculum in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.</p>	<p>*** For a student to be recommended for <b>Geometry in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade</b>, he/she should have been taught the Algebra I curriculum in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.</p>	