

Dear Guardian/ Parent,

This is an exciting time of year because your child is registering for middle school. The Jordan School District Mathematics Department would like you to make an informed choice on which mathematics class is right for your child.

There are three options.

7 th grade Mathematics	7 th Grade Honors Mathematics	8 th Grade Honors Mathematics
<p>This course is recommended for the majority of incoming students. It will provide a solid foundation for developing understanding of mathematics in middle school and beyond.</p> <p><i>This course is recommended for about 80-95% of the population</i></p>	<p>This course is recommended for highly motivated students. It has the SAME standards as 7th grade mathematics, however it is fast paced and goes into greater depth with the content.</p> <p><i>This course is recommended for 10-20% of the population.</i></p>	<p>This course is an 8th grade level honors course. Students will need to enter having mastered the sixth and seventh grade curriculum. Without a solid foundation of 7th grade standards, students will struggle.</p> <p><i>This course is recommended for 3%-5% of the population.</i></p>
<p>This is a Parent and Student Choice</p>	<p>This is a Parent and Student Choice</p>	<p>This requires: Score of 80% or better on a 7th Grade Assessment</p>

In light of the education experiences surrounding COVID-19, we see a greater need for students to solidify understanding and build a solid mathematical foundation. 7th grade mathematics is the cornerstone for understanding algebra, geometry, ratios and proportional reasoning, which are critical to the understanding of trigonometry and calculus. Students who select the 8th grade honors pathway, should be proficient in these domains.

Jordan District has seen an ongoing pattern, supported by data, showing that students who accelerate through content without a solid foundation in mathematics understanding and skill tend to leave the accelerated pathway. Please note that the Jordan School District has designed opportunities for students to have access to honors courses at every level without having to skip grade levels. Utah Law (Utah R-277.515) states that honors courses now have no prerequisite; however there are requirements for skipping grade levels.

Jordan School District's honors courses begin in seventh grade and continue through high school. Students will have access to AP Calculus, AP Statistics and Concurrent Enrollment courses, regardless of what mathematics courses they are enrolled in during 7th-grade.

If you choose to select 8th grade Honors, we will not be able to provide summer courses unlike previous years due to funding being reallocated. Students will have to be fully prepared to begin 8th grade curriculum in August. Many times, they are placed in classes with a majority of 8th grade students.

If you are interested in taking 8th grade Honors, please use this link to take the 7th grade assessment, <https://forms.gle/3Kq1HNjfZB9FpfCy8>.

Please take the assessment by February 19, 2022. Upon completion of the assessment, your child will receive a score and the middle school will be notified of your child's placement. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email Amy Kinder, K-12 Mathematics Administrator at (801) 567-8469 or Amy.Kinder@jordandistrict.org.

Sincerely,

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