



May 6th, 2019

Dear EAS Parents/Guardians and Students:

It is that time of year when schools, parents and students begin to make plans for next year's math classes. This letter is to inform you of the upcoming Algebra Aptitude Test which is one factor in determining a student's math course for next year. The Algebra Aptitude Test is one factor that might allow students to accelerate math classes. This test combined with the student's class performance and SBA score will help determine class placement for the next academic year.

The Algebra Aptitude test will be administered by Environmental & Adventure School on May 15th, 2019 to all students currently enrolled in Math-6 and Pre-Algebra 1.

Pathway Options

As students finish Math- 6 or Pre- Algebra 1, there are three math options for next year:

1. Pre-Algebra 1 (for 6th graders advancing at grade level)
2. Pre-Algebra 2 (for 7th graders advancing at grade level and 6th graders)
3. Algebra I (students must meet specific criteria described below)

Algebra I

Algebra I is a rigorous course that uses Discovering Algebra as its core curriculum. Students currently in Math-7 must meet the following three criteria to enroll in Algebra:

1. Score of 42 or higher on the Algebra Aptitude Test (Form A)
2. Score of 4 on the 2016 Mathematics Smarter Balanced Assessment
3. Grade of "3" or higher on the trimester 3 report card for 7th Grade Math

In addition to these criteria, it is important for families to consider other factors to determine if Algebra I is the most appropriate next step. Students in Algebra I have been successful when they are highly motivated, diligent in both study skills and homework completion, and have been capable of abstract reasoning and application of concepts. Having a strong successful foundation in mathematics is important to future coursework.

As always, partnering with you for the success of your student is important to us. If you have questions regarding this letter, feel free to contact your student's current math teacher, Ms. Andrada, or Ms. Minato, EAS Math department head.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcus Rose". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "R".

Marcus Rose

Teacher at the Environmental and Adventure School