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Dear Parents,

We want to update you about the process for how students are being placed in math classes for the upcoming school year.

Our middle schools offer a variety of math pathways based on the California State Standards. Successful completion of any of these pathways will allow students to enter high school ready for college prep classes. We use our district-adopted Eureka Math curriculum to teach the California State Standards for each pathway. It is our goal to meet the needs of all of our students, while at the same time, prepare them to enter high school ready to meet the California A through G college requirements.

This is the time of year when students typically take state and District assessments (CAASPP and i-Ready). As in the past, we will use the scores from end-of-year i-Ready math assessments and CAASPP to confirm that students are enrolled in the appropriate middle school math class for next year. The CAASPP scores are anticipated to be shared by the state over the summer. Parents can access both i-Ready and CAASPP scores in the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Information about accessing scores will be shared towards the end of the school year.

In August, when students return to school, they will take the i-Ready diagnostic again to finalize their initial placement. This August i-Ready math assessment will provide another opportunity for students to move into a more accelerated pathway or be placed in a different course based on their identified needs.

Students in 6th and 7th grade will be placed into a math pathway based on the following criteria:

Students Enrolled in 6.1 - to 7th Grade Placement

Students in the 6.1 pathway will move into either math 7 or math 7.1. (see below)

Placement in 7th Grade - Math 7

- Students in this pathway will complete 8th grade math by the end of 8th grade.
- This is a grade level pathway
- Criteria to be used for placement:
 - i-Ready Score from from May - 507 or below, **and**
 - CAASPP Math Score of Level 3 - Standards Met or below
 - In addition, students should complete the [Khan Academy Grade 6 Eureka Math](#) program prior to the start of the next school year. This will solidify their math skills prior to advancement.

Placement in 7th Grade - Math 7.1

- Students in this pathway will complete Algebra 1 by the end of 8th grade.
- This is an accelerated pathway
- Criteria to be used for placement:
 - i-Ready Score from from May - 508 or above, **and**

- CAASPP Math Score of Level 3 - Standards Met or above
- In addition, students should complete the [Khan Academy Grade 6 Eureka Math](#) program as well as [Khan Academy Grade 7 Eureka Math Modules 1 and 2](#) prior to the start of the next school year. This will solidify their math skills prior to advancement.

Students Enrolled in 6.2 - to 7th Grade Placement

- Students in math 6.2 pathway will move onto Math 7.2
- In addition, students should complete the [Khan Academy Grade 7 Eureka Math](#) program prior to the start of the next school year. This will solidify their math skills prior to advancement.

Tentative 7th to 8th Grade Math Placement

All students enrolled in a 7th grade math pathway will move forward in the next logical math sequence.

- **Students in Math 7 pathway will move onto Math 8.** They will take Algebra in 9th grade.
 - In addition, students should complete the [Khan Academy Grade 7 Eureka Math](#) program prior to the start of the next school year. This will solidify their math skills prior to advancement.
- **Students in Math 7.1 pathway will move onto Math 8.1.** They will take Geometry in 9th grade.
 - In addition, students should complete the [Khan Academy Grade 7 Eureka Math](#) program as well as [Grade 8 Modules 2, and 3](#) prior to the start of the next school year. This will solidify their math skills prior to advancement.
- **Students in Math 7.2 pathway will move onto Math 8.2.** They will take Algebra II in 9th grade.
 - In addition, students should complete the [Khan Academy Grade 8 Eureka Math program Modules 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and Algebra Modules 1 and 3](#) prior to the start of the next school year. This will solidify their math skills prior to advancement.

The following chart provides details on the i-Ready Math score range by grade level:

On-Grade Ranges	Student Grade												
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Early	362–372	402–412	428–440	449–463	465–481	480–497	495–513	508–530	518–540	515–555	556–585	564–589	572–601
Mid	373–411	413–454	441–496	464–506	482–516	498–526	514–540	531–564	541–574	556–585	586–598	590–610	602–629
Late	412–454	455–496	497–506	507–516	517–526	527–540	541–564	565–574	575–585	586–598	599–610	611–629	630–800

The criteria below will be used for advancing students into a higher pathway based on the new data:

- 7.1: Minimum of 508 on i-Ready diagnostic, **and**
CAASPP Math Score of Level 3 - Standards Met or above
- 7.2: Minimum of 541 on i-Ready diagnostic, **and**
CAASPP Math Score of Level 4 - Standards Exceeded
- 8.1: Minimum of 518 on i-Ready diagnostic, **and**
CAASPP Math Score of Level 3 - Standards Met

Please note that previous diagnostic assessments will not determine your child's pathway for his/her entire time in middle school. At the end of each school year, students are provided the opportunity to change pathways based on the results of year-end diagnostic assessments.

After students take the Diagnostic assessments in August and math placements are confirmed, parents may appeal their child's math placement. A Math Placement Appeals Team composed of the parent(s), student, math department chair, counselor, and school and district administrators will meet to review the request. After the meeting, the Math Placement Team will make a decision and communicate the result to parents in writing within 48 hours.

Please remember that all pathways prepare students for a successful high school experience. It is important to us that all students are challenged and supported in their mathematics coursework, and that it is appropriate to their developmental level.

As you may know, MVWSD is launching a two-year process to update math curriculum based on the latest research and best practices for math education. We will review and improve our mathematics program to ensure all students have strong learning opportunities, including acceleration. During this process, there will be no changes to placement criteria in the 2025-26 school year. The criteria may be revised for the 2026-27 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact your school principal.

Respectfully,

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