

Below are the questions families typically ask during the ISV Math Family Orientation. Answers are directly from our ISV math teachers.

Questions added from May 19, 2025 which were not already covered in either this doc or the FAQs	Answers
Are the teacher meetings recorded?	No
Does the course have to be taken on a school-issued Chromebook, or can it be taken on a home laptop?	You can take the course on either your personal device or a chromebook. Please do not try to take it on a phone.
Will we be taking the tests on APEX	Yes.
Are the tests taken by ourselves or will we be on a zoom meeting?	The tests are unlocked online for the entire class at the same time and locked at the same time for the entire class. You do not have to be on zoom.
Where can we see the grades?	They will be on Canvas
How do we access this recording once the meeting is over?	It will be posted on the website in the Math section.
Is the class one on one with the teacher and student all the time?	The classes are open zoom help sessions. Any number of students may drop in.
Is it possible to access Units that we will take in the future so we can be ahead of the schedule?	On May 27th, the entire course will be posted and you can work ahead as you like.
Can the students start before May 27th?	The May 27th date is determined by the district. I cannot move it.
Do we have to do any projects or is it just the tests?	In addition to the tests, there may also be assignments where you explain how to solve a math problem or you write how to solve a math problem. But no projects.

Pacing and Estimated Time to Spend Questions	Answers
Is there a study schedule available for students on a daily basis? Like how many units they should finish in a day?	There is a calendar for quizzes within APEX to give you an idea of pacing.
How much study is the student expected to do daily?	About 4 hours a day
Will a student be expected to study for at least 4 hours even on a school day like May 27th?	Students need to study until they feel they have grasped the lessons. Some students may need 4 hours to learn the same amount that another student will take 2 hours to complete. You should expect to spend time each day starting May 27th and we recommend trying to maintain the schedule that is shown in the Apex calendar.
Can a student study for more than 4 hours each day?	Absolutely!
The First 3 Weeks, May 27 - June 15, Questions:	Answers
From May 27 - June 15, if there are questions the student entered in Canvas, can we expect an answer by the next day?	Typically these get answered within 24 hours. We have students pose questions on the Discussion pages on Canvas so it's possible for students to work together. Teachers also check and answer these discussion pages.
In the first 20 days, should a student learn all the course material or just part/most of it?	Not all the course material, but a significant amount of progress should be made. We will upload due dates into APEX that will let students know how to stay on track.
Are the assignments from May 27 - June 15 all graded and counted towards final	Tests are what count towards your grade. From May 27 - June 15, there are no tests,

grade? And approximately how many assignments will be there?	only quizzes. The quizzes for each lesson are required and you can retake them as many times as you need, but they do not directly influence your grade. Only tests determine your grade. In order to be able to have the option of a test retake, all quizzes must be completed to a 60% level.
During May 27 - June 15 what is the timeframe that students can expect to be in the discussion pages? is there any specific time during the day to be part of the discussion?	The discussion pages are an ongoing message board for students to post or search for questions. There is no specific discussion time. As instructors, we may answer questions in the evening, but we generally try to answer questions during normal work hours.
Will students be able to ask teachers questions from May 27 - June 15?	Yes, using the Canvas inbox.
Do we message the teachers in the Canvas inbox to reset quizzes?	Yes, please message the inbox with which Quiz you want reset. There will be a number for each Quiz.
Zoom Sessions, June 16 - July 17, Questions	Answers
What time is the zoom class going to be and on what days?	From June 16th, there are regular scheduled zoom meetings that we hold for Q and A on Mon - Thurs 9:00am - 11:00am. That said, there is no "class" to speak of.
Are the zoom sessions on weekdays required or optional?	The zoom sessions are 9-11am Mon-Thurs beginning on June 16th. They are not required but are for you to ask math questions of your teachers so please attend if you have questions. We strongly encourage students to attend as much as possible. If students go a week without being on Zoom we may contact home.
Do the zoom meetings only offer help to students' questions, or it also teaches	We do not have scheduled, specific lessons. It is a question and answer

lessons?	session. We give thorough responses that are like mini-lessons, but the content is determined by student questions.
Can we talk about the Checkup content during zoom sessions?	Yes.
Will there be any course video recording for the students who are absent?	We don't record Zoom class sessions and post to Canvas.
Testing and Grades Questions	Answers
How is my final grade determined?	You will receive two grades, one for semester 1 and one for semester 2. Your grades will be calculated by averaging your exam (unit test) scores. There will be an opportunity to retake each exam on the following day of class if work was complete before the original exam, including the unit reflection problem. The optional retake will be averaged with the original exam score.
So are the assignments from May 27 - June 15 all graded and counted towards final grade?	Tests are what count towards your grade. From May 27 - June 15, there are no tests, only quizzes. The quizzes for each lesson are required and you can retake them as many times as you need, but they do not directly influence your grade. Only tests do.
From June 16th how many tests should we expect and how frequent will they appear?	There are 13 Unit Tests in AGS 2. There are 10 Unit Tests plus a Sem 1 Final and a Sem 2 Final in AAGS3. Each unit test will have a retake opportunity if students meet certain requirements specific to the class. We may also ask students to upload their work shown on tests as a photo or .pdf and/or record reflection videos/audio talking about their progress on a particular unit, or ask them for a write-up on a specific problem. In addition to all this work there are many practice quizzes to

	take in APEX. From May 27 - June 15 there are no tests, only quizzes.
What is a passing grade to be transcribed in a school like Westview?	You should get an A or a high B to be ready for the next math course in the sequence. Students earning less than a C for either semester will not be recommended to advance.
Are the Apex quizzes graded?	They are scored and recorded, but they do not directly affect your class grade. Only the tests do.
Do the problems change when quizzes are reset?	Yes.
Do checkups auto grade like the quizzes?	There are answer keys available which students can check.
Are there practice tests before we take the unit tests?	No. But the quizzes are good practice for the tests.
Are the tests taken online? How long is each test?	Yes, they are online. Plan on the test taking an hour or less. They are all multiple choice and I believe each one is 25 questions long.
Will we get the results back from the test right away after finishing it?	Yes.
Are the Unit Exams multiple choice, like the Apex quizzes?	Yes, the unit exams are mostly multiple choice. There may be a few free response questions, but they are not nearly as common.
How similar are the unit tests compared to the quizzes?	Fairly similar. The quiz questions tend to go into more depth because they are all about a single lesson. I would say that the quiz questions are a great source of preparation for the unit exams.
Are notecards permissible during the test?	Generally, no. But there may be units where you get a list of formulas. We'll communicate what's allowed and not allowed as we approach Unit Tests this summer.

Do you have to be on the zoom call while taking the exam?	No.
How do the students take the exams?	You will access Apex at the designated time and take the test in Apex.
Typically what is the test time?	For AGS2, tests are usually at noon with retakes at 9am. For AAGS3, tests are usually at 11:15am. If there is a retake and a test on the same day, the retake will be at 9:15am. AGS2 Test Schedule AAGS3 Test Schedule
If the internet goes wrong during the test what happens?	You will need to email us as soon as your connection is restored. We recommend using a hard wired connection as often as possible to avoid wifi troubles.
If a test is scheduled for a certain time in the day, do you take it then, or can you take it later in the day?	Tests must be taken at the scheduled time.
How long are the test windows? (I'm assuming those are timed since they're open at noon and probably not indefinitely?)	Test windows are timed. They last 50-70 minutes. The tests will be unlocked and locked for the entire class at the same time.
Can you retake the question before submitting the whole test?	Sadly, Apex makes you answer each question in order.
If a student has to miss an exam due to travel/illness, can he take a make-up one?	Yes, if it fits in the existing exam schedule and if the student has done the prerequisite work.
Will there be any final exam along with unit tests?	In AAGS 3, yes. In AGS2, no
Is the 'Retake test' only allowed for the student who missed the original test?	No, any student can give it another attempt if they meet the requirements.
What are the requirements for a retake?	Each content unit exam will have one retake opportunity during the class that

	immediately follows the original test date. Your overall score for a unit exam will be the average of your original and your retake scores. There will be no retake for the finals. To be eligible for a retake you need, prior to the exam , a minimum of 60% on all quizzes for that unit and you need to have submitted your Unit Reflection question assignment .
Transcribing Questions	Answers
The registration form made it sound like students can choose whether or not to transcript their credit - can you confirm that transcribing is optional?	Transcribing the ISV course is optional. If at the end of the course you feel that you are not ready for the next level in the math sequence then you do not have to transcript the course. If you do not transcript it you will not receive credit and can retake it in the fall.
By when should we let BSD know if we need the grade to be on the transcript or not. Also if we want it on the transcript, by when does the grade/credit reflect in the transcript. Is this credit considered out of state?	On the last day of the course, your teachers will let you know your final grades. At that time you will tell them if you want to transcript the course. It will be posted on the transcript in late July when IT rolls up summer grades. It is not considered out of state. It is a BSD course and will be transcribed from Flex Credit.
International Access Questions	Answers
How do we know if we have international access after we fill out the international access request form?	Prior to the course start date, we will send you an email confirming that we have your request for international access.
Do you need out of country permission if you do not use a BSD supplied Chromebook?	Even if the student is using their own device, they will be blocked from BSD applications when outside of the U. S. unless we arrange international access for the student.

Miscellaneous Questions	Answers
Do you get college credit for this?	No
Is a graphing calculator suggested?	It is not required. Teachers like the TI-30 series of calculators.
Are course materials available for download to enable studying during times we do not have an active internet connection (plane, driving, etc)?	We post pdfs of study guides and practice worksheets to the Canvas page. However, the lessons themselves are only available while logged into Apex. You may download each of the study pages ahead of time.
Please share the course topics.	Topics covered in AAGS3 Topics covered in AGS2 These are on the website as well
What type of assignments will be there? Paper, video, spoken, or all online?	You will complete each lesson online and take the online quiz at the end of each lesson. Each unit in AAGS3 has a reflection question that you will answer with a video. AGS2 may require written problem solving.