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Dear Macaw Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our incoming 7th graders and parents/guardians! We are looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with some information about the mathematics program at Frank Augustus Miller Middle School. Specifically, there are two possible course placements for seventh grade. Course placement in seventh grade is extremely important, as it can influence a student's subsequent course-taking pathway throughout middle and high school. We strive to make the best possible placement, in the best interest of each student, so his/her future success is highly likely.

What are the possible courses for general education seventh graders?

- *7th Grade Math*: Grade level course, majority of students are usually enrolled in this course.
- *Accelerated 7th Grade Math*: The purpose of this course is to create a pathway for students wanting to take two years of college level mathematics in high school. Students will learn all 7th grade math content **plus** half the year of standards from 8th Grade Math. Therefore, students will learn a year and a half worth of mathematical content in a single school year. Students must take this course in order to enroll in Accelerated 8th Grade Math 1, which also covers 1 ½ years of curriculum. Students who take Advanced 8th Grade Math 1 will have their grade posted on the high school transcript. If the course is passed with a D grade or above, the student will earn five credits per semester.

How will placement be determined?

Multiple pieces of data are reviewed to determine best placement for incoming seventh graders including:

- District test results
- Math scores from state assessments given in April and May
- Teacher recommendation
- Parent recommendation
- Student input

How do I know if Accelerated 7th Grade Math will be a good fit for my child?

Accelerated Math classes cover 1 ½ years of curriculum in one year. For this reason, Accelerated Math candidates are students who pick up new concepts quickly and do not need a lot of practice time to gain a solid understanding of lessons taught. Accelerated Math students should have a strong grasp of 6th grade math as there is not time to review previously taught concepts throughout the year. Parents can review their child's previous math performance to look for mostly advanced marks (A's or 4's) on their report cards and Standard Met or Standard Exceeded on state assessments.

If I would like my student to have the option to take Accelerated Math as a 7th grader, what do I need to do?

- Indicate that you would like your 7th grader placed in Accelerated Math in the online 2021-22 Course Request form.

What does the new RUSD Common Core Math pathway look like for middle and high school students?

Please [see the following page for current RUSD Secondary Math Pathways](#).

What if I have further questions?

Please contact your child's school counselor.

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Sincerely,

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