

May 3, 2017

Dear Parents,

We would like to inform you of two proposed Accelerated Math Courses happening this summer.

- **Integrated Math 8A Summer Acceleration - 7th to 8th Grade Transition**
- **Integrated Math Course I Acceleration - 8th to 9th Grade Transition**

These courses target A/B math students currently enrolled in Integrated Math 7 or Integrated Math 8. Additionally, math teachers will base their student recommendations on multiple measures (i.e. Math Readiness Test, math grades, previous year's SBAC scores, EOC scores, teacher recommendation on motivation and effort, etc.)

Successful completion of these courses will allow your child to be placed in the Middle School Compacted Math Pathway as an 8th grader or Integrated Math Course II in the 9th grade. As an overview, The Middle School Compacted Math Pathway allows students to complete Integrated Math 7, Integrated Math 8, and Integrated Math I (a high school math course) by the end of 8th grade. Upon successful completion of the Middle School Compacted Pathway, students would be ready to take Integrated Math II in 9th grade. The SUHSD Math Course Sequence for 2017-2018 can be found on the following page of this letter. You can also preview the Sweetwater Curriculum Guide for Student Placement by clicking [here](#) or by visiting the Curriculum and Instruction Department/Course Offerings on the SUHSD website - <http://sweetwaterschools.org>.

The advantages of the Compacted Pathway allow students to be a part of a course sequence that includes calculus in high school and prepares them for college and career. In addition, advanced-level high school math courses can improve opportunities in college choice and admission. Lastly, according to The College Board, the rigor of a student's high school math curriculum is the single best predictor of success in college.

Currently, Site Administration, Teachers, and Counselors are working on the logistics of these courses. If you are interested, please obtain an application from your math teacher, to be returned by May 10, 2017. An informational parent meeting will be on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 5:30 PM in the Cafeteria.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Tom Winters
Principal