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Dear Parent/Guardians:

The Northshore School District will offer summer accelerated math classes to students who are interested through the NSD Summer School program. Another option is to take an OSPI approved online math course. OSPI-approved course options can be found at <https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/learning-alternatives/online-learning/approved-online-schools-and-school-programs>. This is a big step for students and an important decision for families to make. If you decide to go this route, please check in with your counselor and/or math teachers to determine the appropriate course to take.

It is essential that interested students take classes that are aligned with the Washington State Learning Standards (Common Core State Math Standards), such as the classes that are offered in the Northshore School District Summer School program. These standards have been carefully developed to define clear learning progressions through the major mathematical domains. All students, including those most accomplished in mathematics, need to learn each topic with diligence and dedication. Skimming over existing materials in order to get ahead to more advanced topics is not considered good practice, as it can create gaps in the students' mathematical background.

Students who take an accelerated summer course do not have the same amount of time to learn topics as they do during a full year course. The Northshore Summer School Accelerated math courses move at a fast pace to cover a year-long course compressed into 5 weeks. Students need to be prepared to learn math at a very rigorous pace and to complete hours of homework each day.

If you have questions about your student's readiness for an accelerated summer math course, please contact your student's math teacher. If you decide to take this step, it is the responsibility of the student/family to return proof of course completion to your middle school counselor in August so that they can prepare to adjust your student's schedule prior to the start of school next fall.

Sincerely,

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