



Advanced Math Placement and FAQ's

Enrollment Priority - TBMS Advanced Math placement for 6th grade enrollment

The placement of 5th grade students into 6th grade Advanced Math will initially be based on the most current SBAC scores (5th grade scores). Students with a score of 4 on the 5th grade SBAC assessment will be given priority. We will look at IReady scores and/or teacher recommendations, if needed, to break ties.

Enrollment Priority - TBMS Advanced Math placement for 7th and 8th grade enrollment

- 1. Students currently enrolled in an Advanced Math class who earn a course grade of 80% or higher, combined with a current SBAC score of 4.*
- 2. Students not currently enrolled in an Advanced Math class who have a course grade of 85% or higher, combined with a current SBAC score of 4.*
- 3. Students currently enrolled in an Advanced Math class who have a course grade of 80% or higher, with a current SBAC score of 3.*
- 4. Students not currently enrolled in an Advanced Math class who have a course grade of 85% or higher, with a current SBAC score of 3.*

FAQ's about Advanced Math for the 2019/2020 School year:

Q1: Why aren't grades used as an initial placement factor for incoming 5th grade students into 6th grade Advanced Math?

There are several elementary schools sending 5th grade students to TBMS. Multiple schools and multiple 5th grade teachers, along with

variable/subjective grading criteria, make it impossible to accurately compare student grades. There is just too much subjectivity to be fair. The only common and consistent data point for initial placement into 6th grade Advanced Math are the SBAC and IReady scores (if needed).

Q2: If I am already enrolled in Advanced Math (6th or 7th), are my grades and SBAC scores important to move into the next grade level of Advanced Math, or is my placement automatic since I am already enrolled in Advanced Math?

*For an **automatic placement** into the next grade level Advanced Math course, a student must earn at least an 80% course grade and earn a 4 on the current grade level SBAC exam. (See priorities)*

Q3: Would a student who was previously enrolled in Advanced Math, scored a 4 on SBAC, but earned less than an 80% course grade, still be eligible to go into Advanced Math at the next grade Level?

No. All Advanced Math students, with the exception of incoming 5th graders, must have maintained a minimum of 80% course grade in the previous math class to qualify for advancement to the next level of Advanced Math.

Q4: Is it possible for a student to get into a 7th or 8th grade Advanced Math if that student wasn't previously enrolled in an Advanced Math class?

Any student in a grade level math class who scores an 85% or better in that class, and earned a score of 4 on the most current SBAC exam, will be considered based on available space, regardless of previous enrollment in an Advanced Math course. Current Advanced math students meeting the same criteria will have priority (See priorities).

Q5: Is it possible for an Advanced Math student who earned a course grade of 80% or higher, but scored less than a 4 on the most current SBAC exam, to still be enrolled in the next Advanced Math course?

Any Advanced Math student who earned an 80% or higher in Math, and scored a 3 on the most current SBAC testing, will be placed 3rd on the priority list. (See priorities)

Q6: Is there any criteria for remaining in an Advanced Math class? Once I am enrolled, can I get taken out before the end of the school year?

Yes. There is definitely a criteria for remaining in an Advanced Math class. Any student currently enrolled in an Advanced Math class must maintain a minimum of a 70% in the summative grading category. Failure to meet the 70% summative category requirement will activate a grade level math placement out of the Advanced class.

Q7: Is it possible to be enrolled in an Advanced Math class if the student's current SBAC score is less than 3?

No.