

Hello 5th grade families,

We look forward to partnering with you to make the transition from elementary to middle school as smooth as possible. For sixth graders, there are two general education math course options: Math 6 and Accelerated Math 6. Both of these courses are designed to challenge students to master new content while applying it to their own lives. Students entering 6th grade and their families will self-select placement in Math 6 or Accelerated Math 6 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Course descriptions

In Math 6 students learn the 6th grade math common core standards. In Accelerated Math 6 students learn the 6th grade math common core standards and half of the 7th grade math common core standards. Students enrolled in Accelerated Math 6 will take Accelerated Math 7 in seventh grade. In these two accelerated courses, students will learn all sixth grade, seventh grade, and eighth grade content standards. The [math learning pathways](#) document shows the future math courses students can take based on their placement in either Math 6 or Accelerated Math 6.

Considerations

Please be aware that the faster pace and rigor of the Accelerated Math 6 course may result in increased effort and time on a student's behalf. In Accelerated Math 6 students sometimes receive lower grades than they typically earn. Students need to have fully mastered the 5th grade standards to be prepared to learn math concepts at the faster pace that this course demands. Teachers will not be expected to teach concepts from prerequisite courses or to spend an extraordinary amount of time on individual tutoring or re-teaching.

Suggested criteria

We have included the criteria below to assist families who believe the accelerated math course may be the best placement for their child. Students ready for the Accelerated Math 6 course should be scoring at the levels indicated in the table.

	4 th grade M-step Score	5 th grade iReady Score	Student self- inventory score	Parent/Caregiver Inventory Score
Your Student's Score				
Expected Score for Accelerated Student	Advanced	90th percentile or above	45 or higher	28 or higher

Families who are considering Accelerated Math 6 should complete the table above using your child's assessment scores and by completing the [disposition inventories](#). Please watch this [video](#) for more information on where to find your child's scores. If families determine the best placement for their child is Math 6, no further action is necessary. Students will automatically be enrolled in Math 6. If families determine the best placement for their child is Accelerated Math 6, they need to complete the [Accelerated Math 6 enrollment form](#) no later than March 10, 2023. Families who fill out this form will receive a return email with confirmation of their responses.

If you have any questions about your student's test scores or data, please contact your elementary school's learning consultant. Thank you for your partnership in your student's education!

Sincerely,

RCS Curriculum Department