


Information for Parents of 5th Grade Students Regarding Middle School Math Placements

Dear Parents/Caregivers:

Tenafly Public Schools strives to place each student into the appropriate math course as they move into the Middle School. We use a variety of criteria to make the appropriate placement decisions, including an accelerated sequence of courses, beginning with Math 7 Advanced in either 6th or 7th grade. Possible course sequences for grades 6, 7, and 8 include:



Grade Level	Sequence 1	Sequence 2	Sequence 3
Grade 6	Math 6	Math 6	Math 7 Advanced
Grade 7	Math 7	Math 7 Math 7 Advanced	Algebra 7
Grade 8	Math 8	Algebra 8	Geometry

In 6th grade, students are placed in either Math 6 or Math 7 Advanced, based on the following criteria:

- Placement test scores
- 5th grade math performance
- Teacher recommendation

The placement test, which assesses the student's readiness for a variety of math concepts, will be administered to 5th grade students at the end of March/beginning of April. Placements for 2023-2024 will be finalized and viewable in the Genesis Parent Portal by mid-April. These test results combined with current math achievement and teacher recommendations will determine the next year's course placement. Topics for the placement test include Statistics, Number Operations, Ratios, Proportions, Percent, Expressions, Equations, and Geometry. There is no preparation for this computer-based test, which will be administered via the LinkIt platform during school hours.

Students and parents who disagree with the original placement will have the option to initiate an appeal, which begins with the Supervisor of Mathematics in April. Students and parents/caregivers who wish to opt out of the placement test should speak with their math/classroom teachers. Note: completion of the placement test is required for advanced math course eligibility.

Our staff is committed to meeting the individual needs of all of our students and helping them find success in mathematics and all of their coursework. As a final note, please keep in mind that parent/teacher conferences scheduled for this month are intended to provide an opportunity to discuss specific student needs and academic progress. Thus, we ask if you have any questions or concerns regarding our math programs or placement, email interim mathematics supervisor Marc Gold, mgold@tenafly.k12.nj.us until January 13, 2023, or mathematics supervisor Amelia Bowers, abowers@tenafly.k12.nj.us after this date.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marc Gold', is positioned above the typed name.

Marc Gold
Interim Mathematics Supervisor