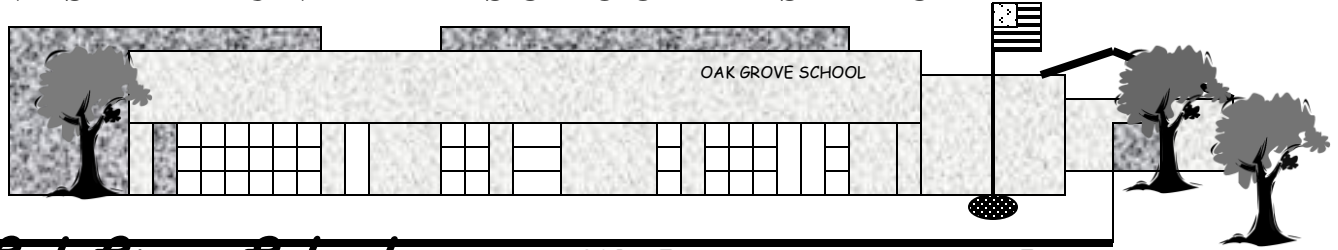


# VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



**Oak Grove School**

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November 16, 2023

Dear Parents of Oak Grove 8<sup>th</sup> grade students,

In the Spring of 2023, VUSD shared the exciting news that 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are studying Math 1 at their middle school would be able to receive 10 credits toward the 30 credits that each student needs to meet VUSD high school graduation requirements. This includes our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students here at Oak Grove!

Because of certain California Educational Code requirements, K-8 schools are not able to offer Math 1 as a high school course, since we are not considered a secondary school. However, I am happy to report that, working with our district team, a solution has been determined that will allow our Oak Grove 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to receive these same credits as other VUSD students taking Math 1 at a traditional Grade 7-8 middle school.

### What is changing?

- Oak Grove 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive a letter grade (A-F) through Ridgeview Middle School twice during the school year – once for the fall semester in January 2024, and once for the spring semester in June 2024.
- Parents and students will soon see a new math class – Math 1 / Ridgeview – on their class list in the PowerSchool Public Portal.

### What will stay the same?

- The daily experience of our Oak Grove 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will stay the same.
- The Math 1 / Ridgeview class will continue to meet in Room 601 at Oak Grove with Mrs. Allyson Heatherly as their teacher.

By enrolling your student in Math 1 through Ridgeview, it allows us to continue to offer our Oak Grove 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students high school credits, just like at a traditional VUSD middle school.

### What if my student is struggling? Will this become a part of their permanent high school transcript?

If you are concerned about your student's academic performance in Mrs. Heatherly's Math 1 class, we can offer the ability to change their course from Math 1 / Ridgeview to Math 8 / Oak Grove. In this way, no grade will be reflected on our student's future high school transcript. Your student's daily experience in math will not change in these circumstances – only the name of the course. Mrs. Heatherly and I will be in contact with students and parents potentially affected in this way in early December.

Please contact me or our school office with any questions. Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Hambleton".

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