

2024-2025

*Calallen Middle School*

Course Requests  
&  
Registration Information

# CMS ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

- *Tony Graham*
  - Principal
- *Mrs. Beverly / Mr. Brown*
  - Sixth grade Asst. Principal / Counselor - ALL STUDENTS
  - Seventh grade Asst. Principal / Counselor - M-Z
- *Ms. Knief / Mr. Hendley*
  - Eighth grade Asst. Principal / Counselor - ALL STUDENTS
  - Seventh grade Asst. Principal / Counselor – A-L
- *Mrs. Dornak*
  - Academic Dean

# Calallen Middle School

- Approximately 888 students - 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>
- Doors open at 7:45 a.m.
- School begins at 8:25
- 7 periods (with an Advisory Period)
  - 31 minutes of Advisory time
  - 30 minutes for lunch
- Dress Code
  - Familiarize yourself with the requirements
- Enriched courses/GT courses
  - Review enrollment requirements in the course catalog

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Courses

- **Required:**
  - Reading Language Arts
  - Math
  - Science
  - Social Studies
  - iEXPLORE Career Exploration
  - Physical Education or Pre-Athletics
- **Elective:**
  - Choose one:
    - Band, Choir, Art, Theater Arts

\*Schedule changes will **not** be allowed after the first 2 weeks of the course.

# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Courses

- **Required:**

- Reading Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Texas History
- Physical Education or Athletics/Tennis Athletics

- **Elective:**

- Choose two:
  - Band, Choir, Art, Theater Arts, Integrated Technology Applications, Student Leadership, Investigating Construction Trades, Intro to Journalism, Clerical Practices (must meet criteria)

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# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Courses

- **Required:**

- Reading Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- American History

- **Electives:**

- **3 Options:**

- Choose 3 full year electives
- 2 full year and 2 one semester long courses

- **Middle School Elective Courses:**

Athletics, Tennis Athletics, Band, Choir, The Force/Cats TV, Introduction to Personal Finance, College and Career Readiness.

- **High School Credit Elective Courses:**

Art 1, Theater Arts 1, Principles of Construction (pre-requisite required), Journalism, Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Pursuits, Spanish 1, Health, Professional Communication and Lifetime Recreation and Outdoor Pursuits.

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# Enriched Classes (ALL GRADES)

- Enriched classes offered in:
  - Reading Language Arts
  - Math
  - Science
  - Social Studies
- Must meet course enrollment requirements (see course catalog)
- Dismissal Procedure:

A student may exit an Enriched class at the 3 or 6 week reporting period in the first Quarter, or at the end of the semester. A student will be ***automatically exited*** from an Enriched class at the end of any Quarter if the student receives a grade ***lower than a 70.***

New Math Program  
Beginning for Grade 6  
2024-2025



# SB 2124: Middle School Advanced Math Program

- (a) To increase the number of middle school students who complete advanced mathematics courses in high school, each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall develop an advanced mathematics program for middle school students that is designed to enable those students to enroll in Algebra I in eighth grade.
- (b) Under the program, subject to Subsection (c), a school district or open-enrollment charter school shall automatically enroll in an advanced mathematics course each sixth grade student who performed in the top 40 percent on:
  - (1) the fifth grade mathematics assessment instrument administered under Section 39.023(a) [STAAR assessment]; or
  - (2) a local measure that included the student's fifth grade class ranking or a demonstrated proficiency in the student's fifth grade mathematics coursework.
- (c) The parent or guardian of a student described by Subsection (b) may opt the student out of automatic enrollment under that subsection.



## SB 2124

The top 40% of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students must automatically\* be enrolled in 6<sup>th</sup> grade Accelerated Math. (based on 5<sup>th</sup> grade STAAR results Spring 2024)

\*unless parents "Opt-Out"

# Calallen Program: Piloted in 2023-24

<b>Grade</b>	<b>TEKS Addresses</b>	<b>STAAR Test Required</b>
Grade 6 <i>GT/Accelerated Mathematics</i>	Grade 6 and Grade 7 TEKS	Grade 7 STAAR
Grade 7 <i>GT/Accelerated Mathematics</i>	Grade 8 TEKS	Grade 8 STAAR
Grade 8 <i>PAC Algebra I</i>	PAC Algebra I (for HS credit)	Algebra I EOC

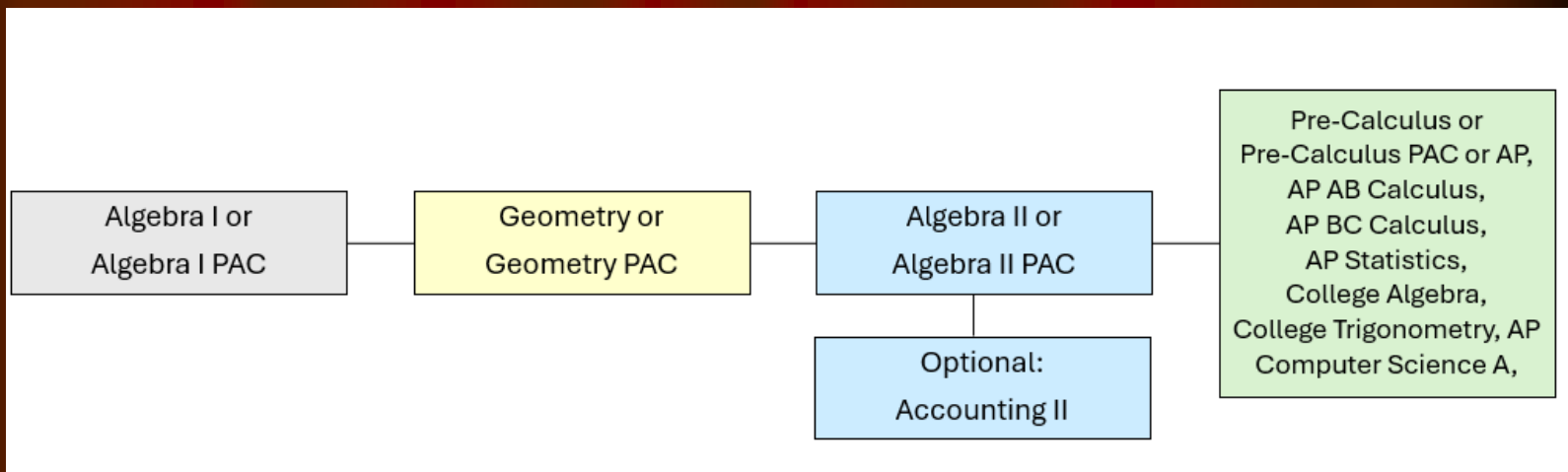
# Course Description and Requirements

**Accelerated Mathematics Grade 6 CISD Course Number: 6321A.**

**Prerequisites:** *Identified students that have scored in the top 40% on the Math 5th grade STAAR.*

The Accelerated curriculum is designed to meet the needs of students accelerated in math. The course requires in-depth mastery of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7th grade TEKS. Other characteristics of the course include content immersion, a fast pace, and assessment of performance at high levels of thinking. Students are given the opportunity to practice skills that enable them to be successful in higher level courses at the high school level. **Requirements: Students must be successful in class with a 70 or above to remain in the class.**

# Mathematics Pathway



Calallen ISD  
Calallen Middle School

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Accelerated Mathematics Opt-Out Form 2024-2025

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Bill (SB) 2124, passed by the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, requires each school district and open-enrollment charter school to develop an advanced mathematics program for middle school students that is designed to enable those students to enroll in Algebra I in eighth grade.

Under the program, a school district must automatically enroll in an advanced mathematics course each sixth grade student who performed in the top 40 percent on the fifth grade State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR\*) mathematics assessment, or a local measure that includes either the student's fifth grade class ranking or demonstrated proficiency in the student's fifth grade mathematics coursework. Calallen ISD will use the fifth grade STAAR test to determine automatic placement in the advanced mathematics course.

Calallen ISD has already established an advanced math program for our middle school students through Advanced Math courses.

Grade	TEKS	Spring STAAR Test
Grade 6	Grade 6 and Grade 7 TEKS	Grade 7 STAAR
Grade 7	Grade 8 TEKS	Grade 8 STAAR
Grade 8	Algebra I TEKS	Algebra I EOC STAAR

**Math Course Preference**

I understand that if my student's 5<sup>th</sup> grade STAAR score qualify in the top 40% of 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Spring 2024 (resulted expected in early June), they will be automatically enrolled in Grade 6 Advanced Math unless I return this form expressing my wish to OPT OUT of this process. I understand that my student has the option to move to Enriched Grade 6 Math or Regular Grade 6 Math.]

I would like to OPT OUT of the automatic enrollment into 6<sup>th</sup> grade Advanced Math, even if my student's STAAR score falls in the top 40%.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this signed form to your child's elementary or middle school counselor.

# Opting Out

Opt Out Form is available for parents.

Students can move to *Enriched Mathematics* or *Regular Mathematics*.

Only return if you **DO NOT** want your student in the Accelerated Mathematics course.

# STAAR Results and Parent Notification

STAAR results will not be received until early June, after school is dismissed.

Parents will be notified if their student scored in the top 40% through mail.

We will include the Opt Out form in the mail.

# Gifted and Talented Classes

- ELAR/Social Studies - GT
- Math/Science - GT

- ***Prerequisite:***

Apply for and meet the testing criteria for GT; or currently participating AND passing in the previous grade in the GT program.



# Important Dates

- **Thursday, March 28th**
  - 2024-2025 registration information sent out via email, Schoology, and posted on the Calallen Middle School Webpage.
- **Monday, April 1st**
  - Online course request entry opens in Skyward Student at 10:00 a.m.
- **Friday, April 12th**
  - Skyward online course request entry closes at 12:00 a.m. (Midnight).
  - Courses will be entered by administration for any requests not entered.

# Questions?

