

GRANADA HILLS CHARTER

Grades 6-8 Mathematics Course Placement Policy

The policy of Granada Hills Charter is to place all students into an appropriate mathematics course based on a fair, objective, and transparent protocol to ensure that all students have the opportunity to excel in mathematics and are properly prepared for Grades 9-12, college and their future careers.

The Grades 6-8 Mathematics Placement Policy and course sequences have been designed to:

- 1) Address the CA Common Core State Standards within the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme educational framework
- 2) Provide all students the opportunity to reach Advanced Placement (AP) and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, regardless of initial math placement
- 3) Employ multiple measures that ensure students are adequately prepared for subsequent mathematics courses, college, and careers

Grades 6-8 Mathematics Course Sequences

| | Grade 6 | Grade 7 | Grade 8 |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|
| IB Standard Math Pathway | Math 6 | Math 7 | Math 8 |
| IB Extended Math Pathway | | Extended Math 7/8 | Algebra 1 |
| IB Extended Math HL Pathway | | Algebra 1 | Geometry |

*All 6th grade students will be enrolled in Math 6 with opportunities for differentiation and acceleration within the course.

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At the end of Grade 6, a student may be considered for placement on the **IB Extended Math Pathways** based on the following criteria:

- a. Grade of “A” or “B” in Math 6 “Achievement” Scores.
- b. Exceed standards on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment
- c. Score **235** or higher on NWEA MAP adaptive mathematics test

At the end of Grade 6, a student may be considered for placement in Algebra based on the following criteria:

- a. Grade of “A” in Extended Math 6.
- b. Exceed standards on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment
- c. Score **240** or higher on NWEA MAP adaptive mathematics test

At the end of Grade 7, a student in Math 7 may be considered for placement in Algebra based

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on the following criteria:

- a. Grade of “A” in Standard Math 7 “Achievement” Scores
- b. Exceed standards on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment
- c. Score **240** or higher on NWEA MAP adaptive mathematics test

At the end of Extended Math Grade 7, a student may be considered for placement in Algebra 1 based on the following criteria:

- a. Grade of “A” or “B” in Extended Math 7 “Achievement” Score
- b. Exceed standards on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment
- c. Score **240** or higher on NWEA MAP adaptive mathematics test