


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

March 11, 2025

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 placement decisions, specifically, placements into an accelerated sequence of math 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:

- 5th grade math performance
- District-wide benchmark assessments
- Teacher recommendation
- NJSLA scores

Regarding the sequences above,

In order for any of our students to be placed in a certain course, all prerequisite courses must be completed here in the Tenafly Public School District. We will not accept any courses taken over the summer at another educational institution. In addition, students who do not meet the required placement exam scores and/or criteria at present will not be re-tested after being tutored over the summer.

Placements for the 2025-2026 school year will be finalized and viewable in the Genesis Parent Portal by **Wednesday, April 9, 2025**. Students and parents/caregivers who wish to have the placement reconsidered will have the

option to initiate a formal review. Additional details regarding this process will be communicated in April.

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 District Mathematics Supervisor Amelia Bowers at abowers@tenafly.k12.nj.us.

Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amelia Bowers". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name and title.

Amelia Bowers
District Mathematics Supervisor