Seaford Middle School's 8th Grade Math Course Offerings

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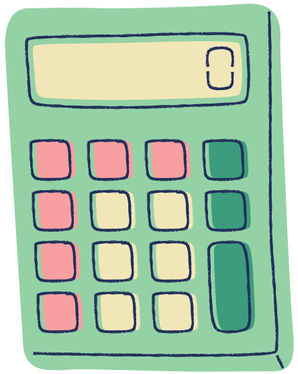

$(x^a)^b = x^{ab}$

$2x + 47 = 0$

Agenda

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- Example Math Course Pathways
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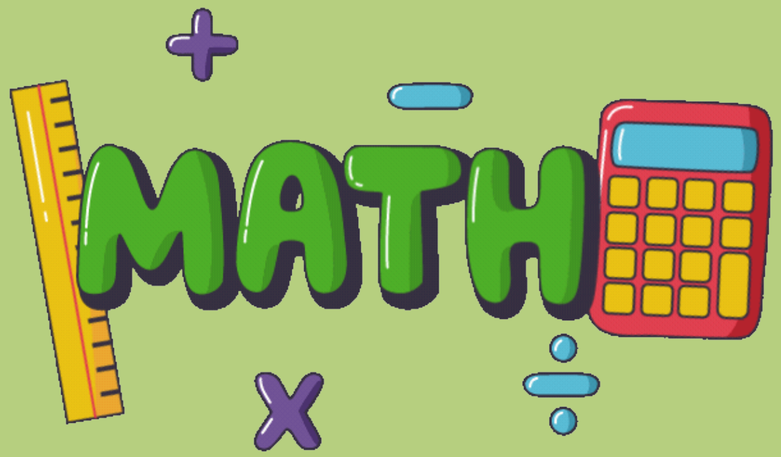
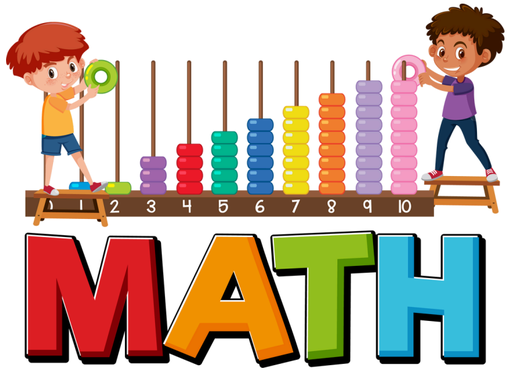


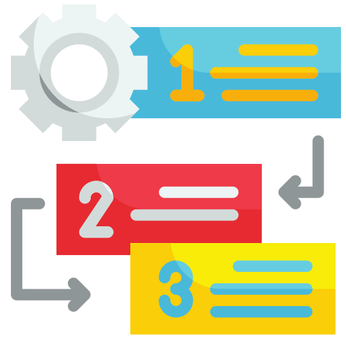
Possible Math Scheduling Sequences

Seaford Course Catalog

NOTE: These are the usual sequences; however, alternative pathways may be determined based on individual student achievement.

8th Grade	Algebra 1 Advanced (Regents Exam in June)	Math 8
9th Grade	Geometry Honors (Regents Exam in June)	Algebra 1 (Lab upon teacher recommendation or student choice) (Regents Exam in June)
10th Grade	Algebra 2 Honors (Regents Exam in June) (A.P. Statistics concurrently with teacher recommendation)	Geometry (Lab upon teacher recommendation or student choice) (Regents Exam in June)
11th Grade	*Pre-Calculus Honors (A.P. Statistics can be taken concurrently)	Algebra 2 (Lab upon teacher recommendation or student choice) (Regents Exam in June)
12th Grade	*A.P. Calculus AB or *A.P. Calculus BC and/or A.P. Statistics	*Pre-Calculus and/or A.P. Statistics





** = A.P. Statistics could be taken in conjunction with this course if the requirements are met.*

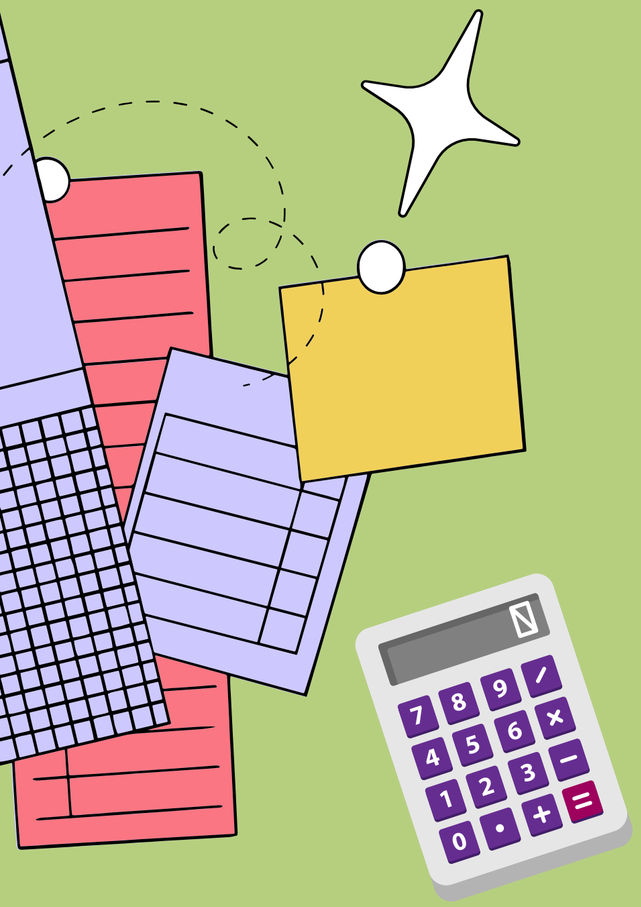
MST or Qualified Business/ Computer Course

Students will be enrolled in the Algebra 1 course based on meeting or exceeding the rubric benchmark score of 85% and will be notified of their placement in Algebra I prior to the end of the school year.

Criteria for Math Acceleration Process	% in Rubric
Overall Math 7 Average: Calculated at the end of the 3rd quarter	45%
Overall 7th Grade Average: Calculated at the end of the 3rd quarter	20%
Score on the Algebra Readiness Assessment: Administered in early June to all students in Math 7	20%
Math RIT Score from the Spring NWEA Assessment Administered mid-May to all students in Math 7	10%
Teacher Recommendation	5%

Note: Parents of students who did not meet or exceed the rubric benchmarks may complete a form to request enrollment in Algebra I. Once the form is received in guidance, students will be invited with their parents to meet with their guidance counselor and the Executive Director for STEM & Instructional Technology.

Math 8 vs. Algebra



Math 8

-Aligned with the NYS Next Generation Standards

-Prepares students for Algebra 1

-Local Assessment given for the final exam

-Fall/Winter/Spring NWEA Benchmarks

-NYS Math 8 Exam Spring

Algebra

-Aligned with the NYS Next Generation Standards

-Specific skills carry over into Geometry and Algebra II

-Regents Exam for Final Assessment

-Fulfills high school graduation requirement

-Taking Algebra 1 in 8th grade accelerates the completion of the high school required math sequence

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$a(b+c) = ab+ac$$

Math 8 vs. Algebra

Math 8 Topics/Units	Algebra I Topics/Units
Angle Relationships	Exponential Functions & Equations
Transformations	Quadratic Functions
Scientific Notation	Quadratic Equations & Factoring
Pythagorean Theorem	Sequences & Series (added to linear/exp unit)
3D Formulas	Transformation of Functions
Exponent Operations	Polynomial Operations (expansion of exponent ops)
	Literal Equations (added to equations unit)
	Misc. Functions (i.e. piecewise, abs, etc.)

Spring 2025 Assessments

Spring Math NWEA:
May 12th-June 12th (grades 6-8)

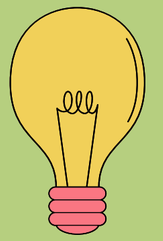
Grade 7 State Testing ELA: April 29-30
Grade 7 State Testing Math: May 7-8

Algebra 1 Readiness Assessment:
Early June

Letters Home to Families: June 2025

Math & Assessment Resource Page

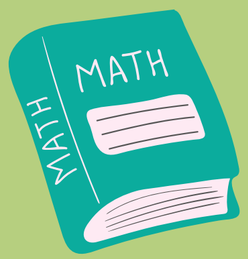
You can use the hyperlinks or QR codes to access parent resources for the NY State Exams, Algebra Resources, and NWEA Family Toolkit with videos to explain MAP growth.



NYS Exams Parent Resources

NYS Algebra 1 Resources

NWEA Family Toolkit



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