Sayre Middle School

Math Acceleration Policy

At Sayre Middle School, students typically follow a standard math progression that culminates in Algebra by the 8th grade. However, we recognize that some students demonstrate exceptional mathematical ability and may benefit from advancing more quickly. For those students, an accelerated pathway is available, which includes the opportunity to complete a summer bridge course and advance to the next-level math class in the following school year.

Eligibility Criteria for Acceleration (Rising 6th to 8th Graders):

To determine if a student is a candidate for acceleration, the following criteria must be met:

1. Math Benchmark or Standardized Math Testing

To qualify, students must meet one of the following criteria.

- The most recent math benchmark test must be at or above 95

  or

- The total math section of a standardized test must be 90 or above.

Students scoring below the 7th stanine on the standardized test do not qualify regardless of benchmarking scores.

2. Ability

- Students must score above 96-9 on the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) — Total or Non-Verbal sections of the standardized test.
- Alternatively, a student may submit the results of an IQ evaluation conducted by a qualified independent professional, which will be considered in place of the OLSAT score.

3. Academic Performance

- Students must have earned an “A” in Semester 1 and an “A” in Quarter 3 of their current math course.
- For 5th-grade students, all math grades up to the time of evaluation will be considered.

Quarter 4 grades will not be factored in, as recommendations are made prior to the completion.

4. Teacher Recommendation

Teachers will evaluate a student’s:

- Effort and consistent engagement in class
- Attitude toward learning and challenges
- Aptitude in math

    Students should be able to work independently and demonstrate strong self-advocacy skills in an accelerated learning environment.