

Grades 6-8 Mathematics Course Placement Policy

Granada Hills Charter places students in math courses based on skill level through a transparent process that supports long-term success. The Math Pathway allows for multiple entry points and acceleration based on readiness, ensuring deep understanding and preparation for advanced study. This flexible structure supports personalized pacing and advancement, helping students build strong foundations and succeed in higher-level math throughout high school, college, and beyond. 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

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At the end of Grade 6, a student may be considered for placement on the **IB Extended Math Pathway** if they meet 2 out of 3 of the following criteria:

- a. Grade of “A” or “B” in Math 6.
- 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 if they meet ALL of the following criteria:

- a. Grade of “A” in 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 if they meet ALL of the following criteria:

- a. Grade of “A” in Standard Math 7.
- 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 if they meet 2 out of 3 of the following criteria:

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