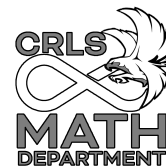


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Dear CPS Students & Families,

As we look ahead to the next school year, the CPS Mathematics Department is excited to share some important info about math in high school. The information below is for **School Year 2026-27**:

1. Strong Start in 9th Grade: Success in Algebra 1 is key for your scholar's future math journey. It's the building block for more advanced courses later on. For this reason, CRLS will continue to offer our two 9th grade Algebra 1 courses:

- Algebra 1A → Algebra 1 Honors (Full Year of Math)
- Algebra 1 Honors (1 Semester of Math)

Given Cambridge Public Schools' commitment to Algebra 1 in 8th grade, **there will be a follow-up letter shared soon which will include specific information regarding 9th grade Math Placement at CRLS.**

Given CPS Mathematics Department Alignment of curriculum and standards, CRLS' Algebra 1 course will have some overlap of the 8th grade Algebra 1 curriculum. We are working diligently to ensure productive learning experiences for any and all students who choose to start their CRLS Math pathway with Algebra 1.

2. Course Pathways for All Students: CRLS will be returning to the following pathway Algebra 1 → Geometry → Algebra 2 for all students. Students who place out of Algebra 1 will start with Geometry. We have continued to build pathways that guide students through many different forms of mathematics including Statistics, Calculus, and Computer Science, and even Personal Finance. We take great pride in preparing our scholars for amazing opportunities like AP Statistics, AP Calculus, Applied Mathematics, Money & Power, and AP Computer Science. **We encourage you to look over this [pathway document](#) as a family, whether you have a rising 9th grader or a current CRLS Student!** Feel free to check out the [course catalog](#) as well.

3. Graduation Requirement Updates: We are finalizing our written Competency Determination for all CRLS Students and more information will be shared. It is important to still note two things:

- 1. General CRLS Graduation Math Requirements:** Students are still required to earn credit in one math class each year for all four years.
- 2. MCAS is still significant:** The MCAS assessment still does have the potential to make an impact on a student's educational career. More specifically, strong achievement on MCAS will allow for students to qualify for - [The John & Abigail Adams Scholarships](#) & [The Seal of Biliteracy](#).

We look forward to an exciting and successful 2026-2027 school year for all CRLS Students! If you have any questions, please feel free to fill out this form - [General questions about CRLS Math Google Form](#).

Wishing you and your loved ones all the best during this time,

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