

West Orange Public Schools



Middle School Accelerated Program Parent Information

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The West Orange Middle School Accelerated Program provides students performing with proficiency an advanced course of study where content is explored in greater depth and complexity.

Grades 6-8	Math		ELA	Science	Social Studies
Grade 6	Pre Algebra 6		Accelerated ELA 6		
Grade 7	Algebra 1	Pre Algebra 7	Accelerated ELA 7	Accelerated Science 7	Accelerated Social Studies 7
Grade 8	Algebra II	Algebra I	Accelerated ELA 8	Accelerated Science 8	Accelerated Social Studies 8

Both General Education and Accelerated Courses

- Follow a rigorous curriculum
- Work toward mastery of the NJ Student Learning Standards
- Develop critical and analytical thinking skills
- Read closely for deep meaning
- Engage in all types of writing for variety of audiences
- Question, develop claims and problem solve
- Utilize technology to enhance learning

In an Accelerated Class

The coursework

- Advances beyond current grade level standards
- Provides a greater depth and complexity of study
- Pacing is quicker
- Reading is more often completed independently, outside of class rather than during class
- Assignments may be at a higher level of difficulty

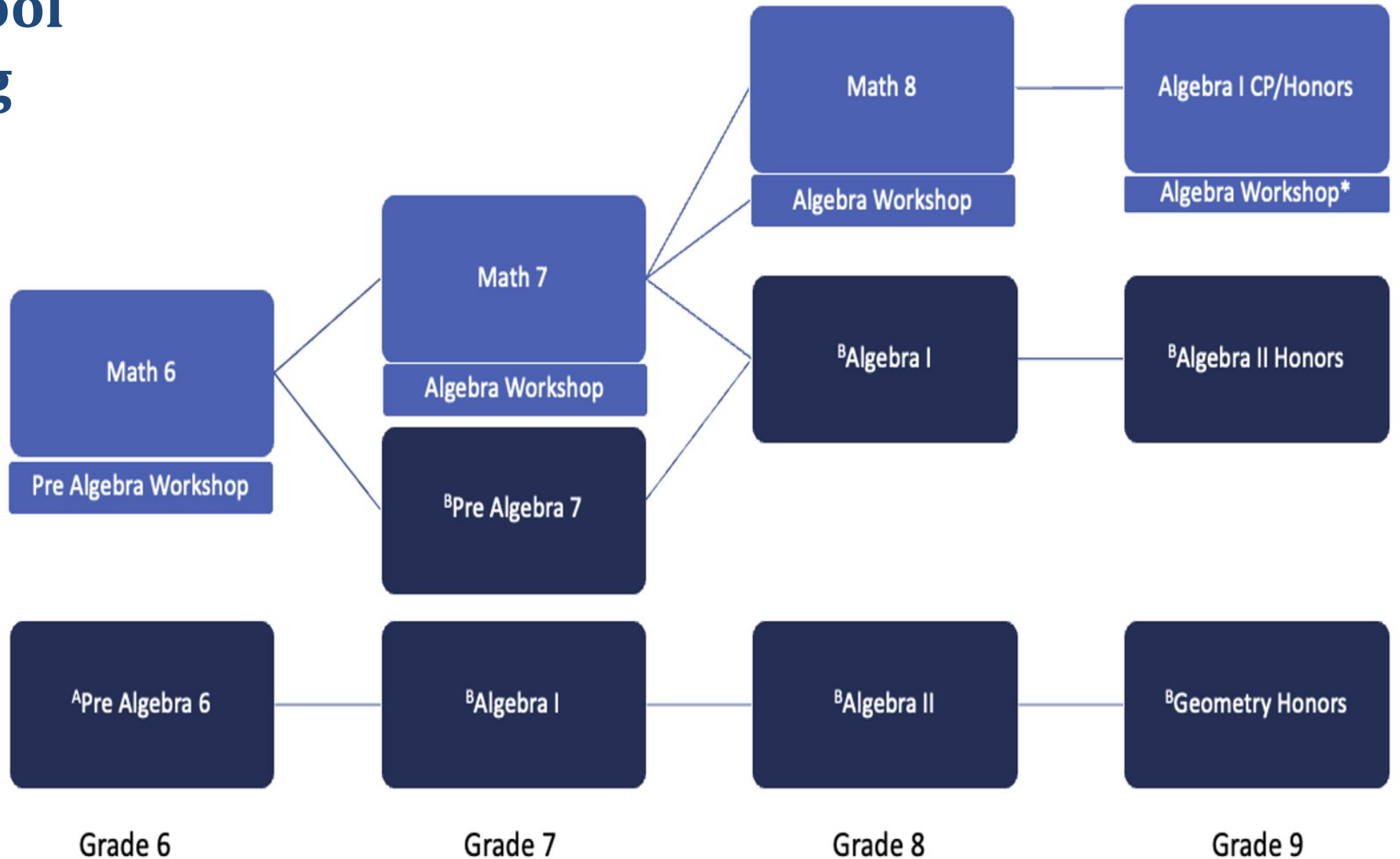
Therefore, the student

- Works on skills in the next grade level standards
- Works independently of teacher assistance more often
- Products are more sophisticated (stronger vocabulary, more complex and varied sentence structure, greater depth of thought and analysis) and more extensively researched
- Is typically required to think critically and synthesize the material that they learned in class independently via homework, projects, and assignments over longer periods of time.

Accelerated Curriculum

Math, 6-8	English Language Arts, 6-8	Science, 7-8	Social Studies, 7-8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluency in all rational number computations and understands and applies the Properties of Real Numbers. • Inquiry-driven demonstrated by thinking critically about real world applications of mathematical concepts through modeling, logical analysis, effective problem solving methods, and communication techniques. • Greater depth and complexity of study; Advance beyond current grade level standards and work on skills in the next grade level standards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Types of functions studied: Linear, Exponential, and Quadratic. – Solving and graphing inequalities in two variables. • Assignments may be at a higher level of difficulty; Required projects are more often done as homework outside of class rather than during class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skill and inquiry driven, concentration on ability to independently comprehend and analyze text. • Provides insightful explanation when citing evidence in text. • Texts may be at a higher level of difficulty, read additional texts, more reading on own. • Ability to construct structured analytical responses that answers prompt in depth with sophisticated style. • More emphasis on student led discussion. • Full command of writing conventions; uses elevated diction. • Possesses greater depth of thought and analysis . • Guidance and support is provided as needed, more opportunities for independent work. • Independent research projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGSS based curriculum with greater depth and complexity of study. • Students work with more independence and greater depth of inquiry. • Informational texts are above grade level and will be used inside and outside the class. • Student groups lead lab investigations and STEAM projects that extend outside the classroom. • Homework requires more long term projects where students demonstrate greater independence. • Students are required to extend learning through local and national competitions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquiry-driven demonstrated by thinking critically about world issues related to historical content and concepts. • Evaluate the credibility of primary and secondary sources of higher complexity with an emphasis on identifying bias. • Readings vary in complexity and may be at a higher level of difficulty. • Construct an historical and/or contemporary argument on a complex topic and defend it with valid evidence using multiple sources in both oral and written formats. • Is highly skilled in the writing process including the construction of well-developed, insightful paragraphs/essays using above grade level vocabulary and a variety of sentence structures. • Requirements of writing assignments may include increase in length and/or more sophisticated written expression and additional research.

Middle School Math Pacing Grades 6-9





Accelerated Criteria for Students Entering Grade 6

ACCELERATED MATH PLACEMENT
5th to 6th Grade

	Criteria
Accelerated Math Pre Algebra 6	NJSLA \geq 795 OR i-Ready \geq 90% OR NJSLA \geq 775 AND i-Ready \geq 80%
Opt-In: Accelerated MATH	NJSLA \geq 775 OR i-Ready \geq 80%
Grade Level Math	NJSLA $<$ 775 AND iReady $<$ 80%

ACCELERATED ELA PLACEMENT
5th to 6th Grade

	Criteria
Accelerated ELA	NJSLA \geq 795 OR i-Ready \geq 90% OR NJSLA \geq 775 AND i-Ready \geq 80%
Opt-In: Accelerated ELA	NJSLA \geq 775 OR i-Ready \geq 80%
Grade-Level ELA	NJSLA $<$ 775 AND iReady $<$ 75%



**Accelerated Criteria for
Students Entering
Grades 7 & 8**

ACCELERATED MATH PLACEMENT

6th to 7th & 7th to 8th Grade

Placement	Criteria	Grade Level Benchmarks
<p>6th or 7th grade Placement = Accelerated Math</p> <p>7th Grade = Algebra 1 / Pre Algebra 7 8th Grade = Algebra 2 / Algebra 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>MP1, MP2 Average of Current Year</i></u></p> <p>C average or higher in Pre Algebra 6, Pre Algebra 7, Algebra I, or Algebra II in order to move to the next Accelerated Math Class</p>	
<p>New to Accelerated Math</p> <p>7th Grade = Pre Algebra 7 8th Grade = Algebra 1</p>	<p>NJSLA \geq 790 OR i-Ready \geq 90% NJSLA \geq 775 AND i-Ready \geq 80% AND A Average in Grade Level Math</p>	<p>Meets or Exceeds grade level expectations</p>
<p>Opt-In: Accelerated Math</p> <p>7th Grade = Pre Algebra 7 8th Grade = Algebra 1</p>	<p>NJSLA \geq 750 AND i-Ready \geq 80% NJSLA \geq 775 AND i-Ready \geq 75% AND B Average in Grade Level Math</p>	<p>Strength in Algebraic Thinking and Fractions</p>
<p>Grade-Level Math</p> <p>Grade 7 = Math 7 Grade 8 = Math 8</p>	<p>NJSLA $<$ 750 OR i-Ready $<$ 75%</p>	<p>Meets grade level expectations</p>

ACCELERATED ELA PLACEMENT 6th to 7th & 7th to 8th Grade

Placement	Criteria	Grade Level Benchmarks
6th or 7th grade Placement = Accelerated ELA	<u>MP1, MP2 Average of Current Year</u> C average or higher Accelerated ELA in order to remain in Accelerated ELA	
New to Accelerated ELA	NJSLA \geq 790 OR i-Ready \geq 90% NJSLA \geq 785 AND i-Ready \geq 80% AND A Average in Grade Level ELA	Meets or Exceeds grade level expectations
Opt-In: Accelerated ELA	NJSLA \geq 750 AND i-Ready \geq 80% NJSLA \geq 785 AND i-Ready \geq 75% AND B Average in Grade Level ELA	Meets or Exceeds grade level expectations Strength in Reading and Writing
Grade-Level ELA	NJSLA $<$ 750 OR i-Ready $<$ 75%	Meets grade level expectations

ACCELERATED SCIENCE PLACEMENT

6th to 7th & 7th to 8th Grade

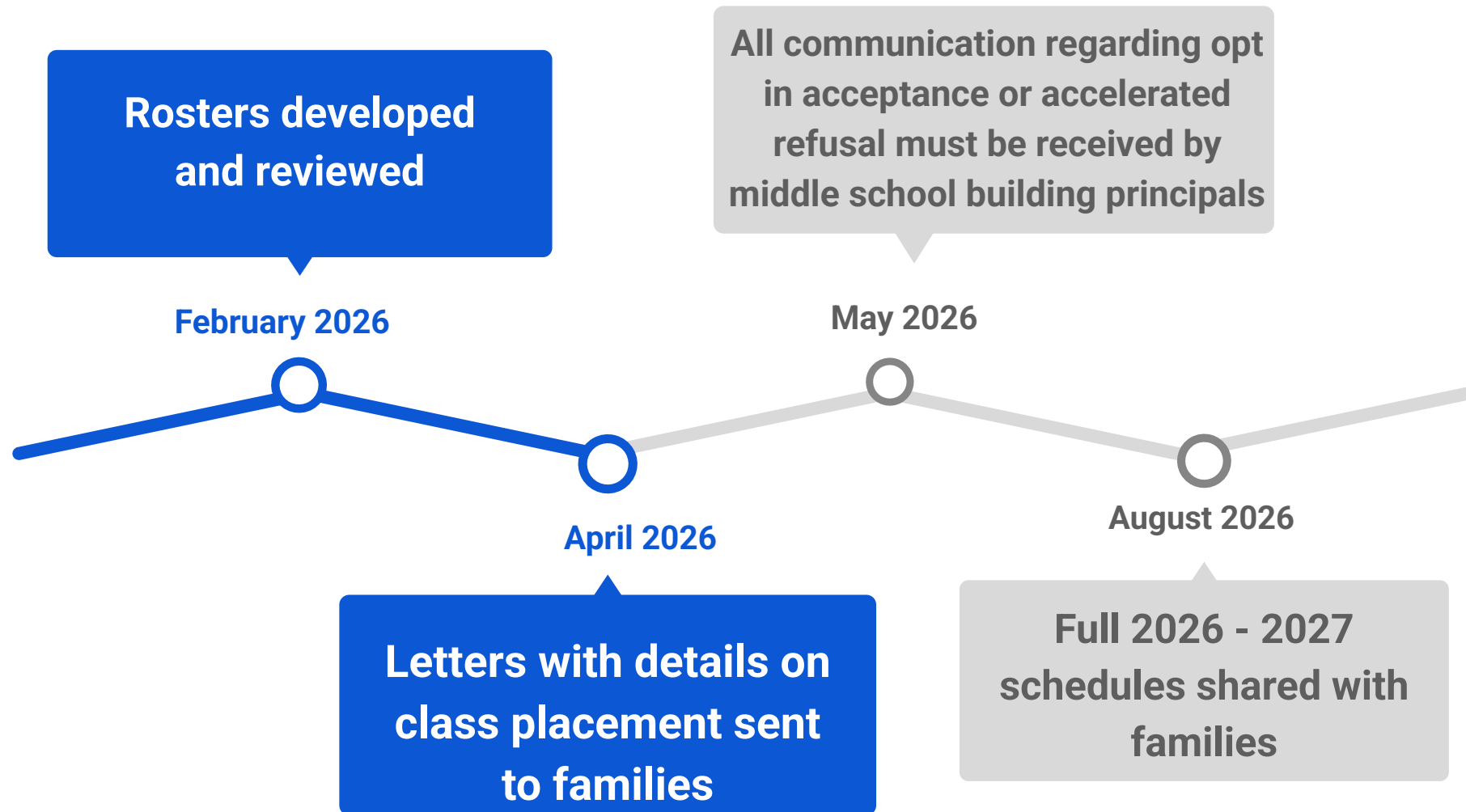
Placement	Criteria	Grade Level Benchmarks
7th grade Placement = Accelerated Science	<u>MP1, MP2 Average of Current Year</u> C average or higher Accelerated Science in order to remain in Accelerated Science	
New to Accelerated Science	NJSLA ELA \geq 790 OR i-Ready Math \geq 90% NJSLA ELA \geq 775 AND i-Ready Math \geq 80% AND A Average in Grade Level Science	Meets or Exceeds grade level expectations
Opt-In: Accelerated Science	NJSLA ELA \geq 750 AND i-Ready Math \geq 80% OR NJSLA ELA \geq 775 AND i-Ready Math \geq 75% AND B Average in Grade Level Science	Meets or Exceeds grade level expectations Strength in Reading and Writing
Grade-Level Science	NJSLA ELA $<$ 750 OR iReady Math $<$ 75%	Meets grade level expectations

ACCELERATED SOCIAL STUDIES PLACEMENT

6th to 7th & 7th to 8th Grade

Placement	Criteria	Grade Level Benchmarks
7th grade Placement = Accelerated Social Studies	<u>MP1, MP2 Average of Current Year</u> C average or higher Accelerated Social Studies in order to remain in Accelerated Social Studies	
New to Accelerated Social Studies	NJSLA ELA \geq 790 OR i-Ready \geq 90% NJSLA ELA \geq 785 AND i-Ready \geq 80% AND A Average in Grade Level Social Studies	Meets or Exceeds grade level expectations
Opt-In: Accelerated Social Studies	NJSLA ELA \geq 750 AND i-Ready \geq 80% OR NJSLA ELA \geq 785 AND i-Ready \geq 75% AND B Average in Grade Level Social Studies	Meets or Exceeds grade level expectations Strength in Reading and Writing
Grade-Level Social Studies	NJSLA ELA $<$ 750 OR i-Ready $<$ 75%	Meets grade level expectations

Middle School Accelerated Program Timeline - 2026





Thank you!