

Dear parents and guardians:

For the school year 2024-2025, we have made a change to the math offerings for middle school. In the past, there were three tracks of math offerings for math in middle school: on level math, advanced math, and accelerated math. The mathematics standards for on level and advanced were the same; there was no difference between the courses. The accelerated math course pathway is the one that will lead students to Algebra I their 8th grade year. For all other middle school courses (ELAR, Social Studies, and Science), there are only two tracks per grade level but for math, there are three. The three tracks of math per grade level is problematic as it goes against what research says is most beneficial to all students. Students are more successful when grouped heterogeneously, meaning there is a variety of learners within the classroom. Students rise to the occasion when grouped heterogeneously. For the 2024-2025 school year, the *accelerated* pathway is the *advanced* pathway as it is truly the honors course for math.

In order to create better opportunities for our students and to make course offerings more equitable, we will no longer offer the advanced math track. We will be hosting a series of Zoom meetings for parents to learn more about this change. If you have any concerns or curiosities, please join us to discuss this change that we feel will benefit ALL students.

For parents and guardians with students in the GT program, students can receive GT services in several ways in regards to STEM: they can take accelerated math (the Algebra I pathway), they can take advanced science, or they can take both.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Date/Time	Zoom Link
12/7 @ 5:00pm to 6:00pm	Link
12/11 @ 12:00pm to 1:00pm	Link
12/18 @ 5:30pm to 6:30pm	Link

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