

Strath Haven Middle School Mathematics Department
Course Placement Criteria & Procedures
(Grade 6 to Grade 7)

In response to the standards-based initiative in the state of Pennsylvania, mathematics course content has increased in challenge and rigor. This shift prepares students for the 21st century learning necessary to maintain competitiveness in the global market. As such, the criteria for placement into higher level mathematics courses reflect the rigor of the Pennsylvania Common Core State Standards, providing appropriate learning environments for each student.

To be placed from **Math 6** into **Enriched Math 7**, students who are *not* taking Black-Diamond level assessments must meet *all* of the following requirements:

- Maintain a 95% average on all Math 6 unit tests
- Maintain a 97% overall Marking Period average
- Score in the top 25% of previous year's PSSA test
- Score a 90% or better on the Midterm Exam
- Has attempted/completed Enrichment Packets (Enrichment Packets are a requirement for Enriched Math 6, 7 and 8 students)

To be placed from **Math 6** into **Enriched Math 7**, students who are taking Black-Diamond level assessments and completing Enrichment Packets must meet *all* of the following requirements:

- Maintain an 83% average on all Enriched Math 6 unit tests
- Maintain an 83% overall Marking Period average
- Score in the top 30% of previous year's PSSA test
- Score a 90% or better on the Midterm Exam
- Maintain an 83% average on all Enrichment Packets (Enrichment Packets are a requirement for Enriched Math 6, 7 and 8 students)

All students moving from **Enriched Math 6** to **Enriched Math 7** must meet *all* of the following criteria:

- Maintain an 83% overall average on all Enriched Math 6 unit tests
- Maintain an 83% overall Marking Period average
- Score a 90% or better on the Midterm Exam
- Score in the top 25% of previous year's PSSA test

NOTE: Students who do not meet the above criteria but who meet *all* of the criteria below will be given an opportunity to be placed in the **Enriched Math 7** course upon scoring a 90% or above on the Math 6 Final Exam.

- Maintain an 80% overall average on all Enriched Math 6 unit tests
- Maintain an 80% overall Marking Period average
- Score a 90% or better on the Midterm Exam
- Score in the top 30% of the previous year's PSSA test

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All students moving from **Enriched Math 6** into **Accelerated Math 7/8** must meet *all* of the following criteria:

- Maintain a 93% average on all Enriched Math 6 unit tests
- Maintain a 95% overall Marking Period average
- Score a 90% or better on the Midterm Exam
- Score in the top 10% of previous year's PSSA test

If the above criteria are met, then the student will be expected to complete an independent study packet prior to the scheduled summer testing date. The student must score an 83% or higher on the summer placement test in order to be placed into Accelerated Math 7/8.

In all cases where summer placement testing is required, the Math Department Chairperson will:

- provide a textbook and on-line access
- provide the independent study packet
- provide an answer key
- administer and grade the placement test
- communicate placement for the upcoming school year with parents