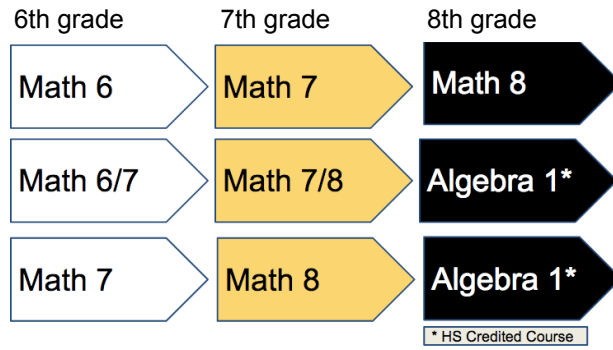


Course Description:

Compacted Math courses provide the foundation for students' understanding of concepts that will be built upon in the future. These courses provide a challenging pace that will ensure no concepts are skipped which can lead to holes in students knowledge.

Course Sequences at Middle School Level starting in the 2015-2016 School Year



Recommendation to take Compacted Math Course at Middle School Level

- Recommendation based on the following criteria:
 - Terra Nova Scores
 - STAR Test Data
 - Most recent OAA Math Score
 - Classroom Aptitude (*Overall classroom performance and work ethic*)

Procedures for Math Placement

- All students enrolled in 5th grade will receive a letter recommending a math course for 6th grade.
- Letters will be sent out the week of **April 20th**
- If you agree with the course recommendation there is no further action required; your child will be placed in the recommended class for the 2015 - 2016 school year.
- If you would like a different placement than the one recommended, please sign and return the bottom portion of the letter to your elementary school principal by **May 1st**. You will receive a follow-up phone call to verify your choice.
 - Any requests for placement outside of the outlined pathway will need to follow the district's acceleration policy.

Earning High School Credit in Middle School:

District Policy: *Students successfully completing high school courses in middle school, will be granted one high school unit of credit for each course completed. Credit will be awarded and calculated in cumulative grade point average upon entrance to the high school. Students may elect to retake the course at the high school. If a course is retaken, the grade earned in middle school will be removed from the transcript and from the calculation of the GPA and will be replaced by the grade earned at the high school.*

State Testing: At the current time, students will be required to take the performance-based assessment and end-of-course exam for Algebra 1 during their 8th grade year in lieu of the Math 8 state assessments.

