



ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MEMO

Date: February 10, 2014

To: Jr. High Administrators, Jr. High Counselors, Jr. High Math Teachers,
Elementary Administrators, 6th Grade Teachers

From: Derek Elison, Secondary Math Specialist

Re: 7th Grade Math Placement Testing

Placement in the correct 7th grade mathematics course is an important step in a student's education and can play a large role in determining a student's success in secondary math. The suggested placement for students on grade level entering 7th grade is Intermediate 1. This will place students on a track that will allow them to take AP Calculus their senior year in High School (See ASD secondary math flow chart).

Students may enter an accelerated math track in 7th grade, and be placed in Intermediate 1H/2H Accelerated by demonstrating high levels of proficiency on The Orleans-Hanna Test and a Mathematics Skills Test. These tests are administered by Junior High Schools during a testing window of March 10-April 4. Students interested in taking these tests can see the dates and registration links for the testing on the second page of this document.

Parents and students should understand the challenge presented if a student is placed on the accelerated track in 7th grade, and struggles later in their high school math classes. Due to state graduation requirements and guidelines regarding repeating math classes, students who fall behind in the accelerated track are faced with unnecessary challenges that could have been avoided with correct placement. Students placed in Intermediate 1 in 7th grade and taking AP Calculus as a senior will experience an appropriate level of challenging and engaging mathematics necessary for success in post high school education. Therefore, teachers, counselors, and parents should carefully consider placing a student in Intermediate 1H/2H Accelerated in 7th grade.

Ultimately, individual placement is a decision that should be made at the school level, and should involve the student, parent, teacher, and counselor. The district will support these placement decisions made at the school level.

**Dates & Registration Links for Junior High Schools
7th Grade Math Placement Testing**

***American Fork Jr: March 31, April 1**

https://alpineschools.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cOO2tbhIHpBHZLT

***Canyon View Jr: March 25, March 26**

https://alpineschools.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_ewl86N2NfcwiY05

***Frontier: April 1, April 2**

https://alpineschools.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3t6yycial8s6u4B

***Lakeridge: April 1, April 2**

https://alpineschools.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0VrKKMoufldjeiV

***Lehi Jr: March 19, March 20**

https://alpineschools.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0242qxRr5zSAkSx

***Mountain Ridge: March 12, March 13**

https://alpineschools.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6WPTHHt3Evs8ur3

***Oak Canyon Jr: March 26, April 3**

https://alpineschools.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_b8aUcYkWX5Tw7D7

***Orem Jr: March 27**

https://alpineschools.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6MeIA8kqjiteYKhl

***Pleasant Grove Jr: April 1, April 2**

pqjrmath7.weebly.com

***Timberline: March 12, March 13**

https://alpineschools.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_ebWvD8Bkp1zt7M1

***Willowcreek: March 26, March 27**

https://alpineschools.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cu4Ub0eywJFVzTv

***Vista Heights: Giving test to 6th graders at the elementary schools that feed into them**