

Accelerated Secondary Math Program

An accelerated course sequence in grades 7 and 8 exists in order to provide appropriate opportunities of high ability students. Based on qualifying testing, students may complete three math courses (Intermediate Math 1, Intermediate Math 2, and Secondary Math 1) in two years. This acceleration allows students to complete Secondary Math 2 in grade 9, Secondary Math 3 in grade 10, and AP Calculus in grade 11. Students have several options in grade 12, but usually enroll in AP Statistics.

Students wishing to participate in this accelerated math program must be tested for placement. All students in the district are notified and invited to test. Testing for this accelerated program occurs in the spring (March-April) of a student's 6th grade year, and is held at each junior high or middle school. Information on specific testing dates is available by contacting individual schools.

The assessment process includes a variety of data points including a skills-based assessment, a problem-solving assessment to help predict student's readiness, standardized test scores, and teacher input. The assessments administered at each school are designed to identify student's aptitude and readiness for the content of the 7th and 8th grade courses and can only be taken once by each student.

Decisions for entry into the accelerated math program are made at each school, and individual students are notified following testing dates. Information on appeals for entrance into the program can be found through the [Placement Appeal form](#).

Please direct questions to individual junior highs and middle schools or the Secondary Math Specialist (Steven Jackson, sjackson@alpinedistrict.org, 801-610-8525).