



Wachusett Regional School District

Halden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling

November 4, 2022

Dear 7th Grade Parent/Guardian,

Each year, 7th grade students throughout the Wachusett Regional School District are evaluated to determine the level of Mathematics they are prepared to participate in during their 8th grade year. Our current course offerings are Grade 8 Math and Algebra I. Students who complete Grade 8 Math will be prepared to take Algebra I during their freshman year of high school. Those who successfully complete Algebra I during their 8th grade year will be enrolled in Geometry during their freshman year.

The District has developed a system for identifying students who are academically prepared to meet the expectations of taking a high school level course during their 8th grade year. Students must meet at least 2 of the following criteria to be enrolled in Algebra I in grade 8.

Assessment	Date of Administration	Minimum Score
7th Grade STAR Math - EOY	May 31, 2022 - June 10, 2022	1145 Scaled Score (or 80% Percentile Rank)
Quarterly Math Grades	Yearlong	90 average for first three quarters
Math Teacher Recommendation	At end of Grade 7	

Please be aware that in some cases, a student may miss qualifying for Algebra I by as little as one point. In these cases, a team of District educators will conduct an in-depth review of the student's data history and make a placement determination in the best interest of the student, this may include additional assessments. Letters will be sent home before the start of the 2023-2024 school year notifying families of their student's 8th grade mathematics placement.

Your child's mathematics teacher will review this information with each class, and we encourage you to discuss the criteria with them at home. Please feel free to contact your building principal or your child's math teacher with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

James Reilly,
Superintendent of Schools

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