



KASTNER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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August 30, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of the grade requirements throughout the 2017-2018 school year to remain in Advanced Math 7; as well as the grade requirements at the end of the 2017-2018 school year in order to be placed into Advanced Math 8. There are 2 placement options at the end of 7th grade for students who were enrolled in Advanced Math 7; they will either be placed in Advanced Math 8 or Math 8. The information below will explain the requirements for placement.

Students currently placed in Advanced Math 7 for the 2017-2018 school year will be required to maintain a **70% or higher in the class at all grading periods throughout the 2017-2018 school year**; this is a policy of all students who are enrolled in Advanced or Honors classes at Kastner (see our parent handbook). If a student is not able to maintain a 70% or higher in Advanced Math 7 they will be placed in a Math 7 class during their 7th grade year to ensure that they acquire the necessary foundational skills to be successful in math during this school year. A student's grades in Advanced Math 7 will be taken into consideration when placing a student in math for their 8th grade year.

In addition, at the end of the 2017-2018 school year, students in Advanced Math 7 will be given a final covering the contents of the Advanced Math 7 course. A student's performance on this final exam will be taken into consideration when placing them in the Advanced Math 8 or Math 8 course for the 2018-2019 school year. Finally, students must earn a 70% or higher on their semester grades to be placed into Advanced Math 8 for the 2018-2019 school year.

Understanding that math standards are extremely sequential, building upon the prior years teaching and knowledge; each year is foundational to your child's success in future math courses. When being placed into Advanced Math 8 as an 8th grader we must ensure that students have mastered all the Math 7 standards as well as a significant portion of the Math 8 standards covered in the Advanced Math 7 course. We know these Math 7 and Math 8 standards are critical to your child's success and are the foundational skills for the integrated math course to come at Clovis West. Kastner Intermediate School wants to see all their students succeed and develop the skills to be College and Career Ready when they graduate from Clovis West High School. As your child progresses on to Clovis West there will still be opportunities in the future for them to test back into the "honors" track and complete AP courses their junior/senior year at Clovis West.

We look forward to partnering with you to help your child achieve this year as well as in their 8th grade math course. Please sign and return the bottom portion of this letter stating you received this notice and are aware of the requirements for this school year and placement in Advanced Math 8.

Kristen Belknap
Learning Director
Kastner Intermediate School

I have received and reviewed the requirements:

- **Student must maintain a 70% or higher grade average in Advanced Math 7, for the 2017-2018 school year to remain in Advanced Math 7 during their 7th grade year. Grades will be taken into consideration for placement in Advanced Math 8.**
- **Student must score proficient on their Advanced Math 7 Final at the end of the 2017-2018 school year**
- **Student must have a 70% or higher on their Semester 1 and Semester 2 grades in order to be placed in Advanced Math 8 for the 2018-2019 school year.**

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Ryan Eisele, Principal - Kristen Belknap, 7th Grade Learning Director - Debora Keeney, 8th Grade Learning Director - Allison Giacobbe, GIS