



# KASTNER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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August 28, 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 8; as well as the assessments that will be administered to students at the end of the 2017-2018 school year in order to evaluate a student's math placement for the 2018-2019 school year. There are 3 placement options at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade for students who were enrolled in Advanced Math 8; they will either be placed in Math 1, Math 2 or Math 2 Honors. The information below will explain the requirements for placement.

Students currently placed in Advanced Math 8 for the 2017-2018 school year will be required to maintain and **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 8 they will be placed in a Math 8 class during the remainder of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year; this is 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 8 will be taken into consideration when placing a student in math for their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.

In addition, at the end of the 2017-2018 school year, students in Advanced Math 8 will be given a placement test to determine what math they will be placed in for their freshman year at CW. This placement test is administered by your child's 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher; however grading, 9<sup>th</sup> grade math placement and notification of placement will all be handled by CW Administration and Math Department.

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. As your child's teacher shared with you at Back to School Night, the Common Core Standards and the implementation of the integrated math pathways has continued to deepen student's math knowledge and abilities to analyze, apply and critique their math thinking. 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. 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.

Kristen Belknap  
Learning Director  
Kastner Intermediate School

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I have received and reviewed the requirements:

- **Student must maintain an 70% or higher grade average in Advanced Math 8, for the 2017-2018 school year to remain in Advanced Math 8 during their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year.**
- **Student's score on the CW Math placement test at the end of the 2017-2018 school year will determine their math course placement at CW.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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