



WOODBIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

40 Beecher Road – South
Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525

Jonathan S. Budd, Ph.D. – Superintendent

June 1, 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Grade 5 Student:

Beecher Road School offers pre-algebra to a small group of grade 6 students who possess age-advanced abstract cognitive skills. While pre-algebra is typically a grade 7 mathematics class, there are some students for whom advancing from grade 5 mathematics immediately to grade 7 mathematics content will be appropriate.

It is important that we seek to identify students for grade 6 pre-algebra through multiple means. To be eligible for pre-algebra, students must meet two of the following three data points*:


- A score at the 95th %ile or higher on the Grade 5 Winter STAR Math;
- A score of 130 or higher on the Grade 3 CoGAT;
- A score of 60% or higher on a district mathematics assessment based on grades 5-6 mathematics standards.


The district mathematics assessment referenced above will be given to your child in class this Thursday (approximately 30 minutes) and this Friday (approximately 60 minutes). Your child does not need to prepare to take this assessment. While some questions will likely be challenging, it is important for us that all grade 5 students participate just by doing their personal best. Because of the nature of this assessment, your child's performance on the assessment will not count towards his/her grade 5 mathematics progress report score.

We anticipate releasing your child's score on the assessment, along with his/her grade 6 mathematics indication, the week of June 13, 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


Jonathan S. Budd, Ph.D.
Superintendent


Analisa Sherman
Principal, Beecher Road School

* If a child does not qualify via two of these data points, an individual review process can be requested by contacting Ms. Sherman.