

Reed Intermediate School

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

I hope this correspondence finds you well. The staff at Reed Intermediate School continues to collect information to support our placement process for next year. Soon, our team will be reviewing multiple data points for all current fourth grade students' mathematical performance and aptitude for placement into either Math 5 or Math 5 Plus.

Both Math 5 and Math 5 Plus will cover fifth grade curriculum standards as identified in the Newtown Public Schools Grade 5 Mathematics Curriculum. In addition to the standard fifth grade math curriculum, Math 5 Plus will incorporate more complex application and problem-solving skills, as well as the introduction of algebraic concepts that are typically part of the sixth grade curriculum. Both classes will provide students with essential skills and knowledge necessary for future success in higher level mathematics courses.

Determination for placement will be based on a review of the following data: module assessment average from grade 4, NWEA Map scores, Smarter Balance Assessment from Grade 3, the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test Non-Verbal section scores, and anecdotal data. Due to our school closure this year, a universally administered performance task assessment will not be considered for placement. Each of the measures that were shared above will be considered for math placement and contribute to an aggregate score for each student. Typically, students scoring in the top 10-15% will be invited to participate in Math 5 Plus. ***It is important to note that students who do not qualify for placement into Math 5 Plus will be reconsidered prior to sixth grade math placement based on their performance on the comparable assessments completed during grade 5, making them eligible for Math 6 Plus.*** Student placements will be finalized in early June. Prior to the end of this school year, all parents will receive notification as to whether their child will be placed into Math 5 or Math 5 Plus.

Along with this letter, you will find a virtual presentation of the math program at Reed Intermediate School. This session will further explain the placement process, review Newtown's Math Pathway, and the math interventions that are available to all fifth and sixth grade students. If you would like to review Newtown's Math Pathway, please click the following link: <https://sites.google.com/a/newtown.k12.ct.us/newtown-math-pathways/>

If you have any questions about Reed's math program or the placement process, please contact Reed Intermediate School's Math Specialist, Mrs. Jess Fonovic, via email at fonovicj@newtown.k12.ct.us

Sincerely,

Dr. Correia

Principal