



ROCHESTER
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

PRIDE IN EXCELLENCE

Dear RCS Community,

As 5th grade students begin to select courses for their middle school schedule, determining an appropriate math course will be a decision students and families will need to make. Students entering 6th grade and their families will self-select placement in Math 6 or Accelerated Math 6 for the 2022-2023 school year. There are many factors to consider when making the decision to take an accelerated course. We have outlined some key factors below to help with the process. We also ask that families [watch an informational video about Accelerated Math 6](#) and thoughtfully consider all factors in determining the appropriate course. Schedule changes are not possible once schedules have been set.

Factors to consider:

- Your student's latest MSTEP or standardized test scores. Typically, the higher the MSTEP score, the more ready a student might be for the accelerated class.
- Your student's report card for Trimesters 1 & 2. Students who are ready for acceleration should have a score of 4 or an A grade in all, or nearly all, math domains.
- Your student's interest and passion for mathematics. Key ideas and characteristics are mentioned in the video.

If you have any questions about your student's test scores or data, please contact your school's learning consultant. If you have any questions about the accelerated course, please contact the Curriculum department.

Thank you for your partnership in your student's education!

Sincerely,

RCS Curriculum Department