



# William Diamond Middle School

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Dear 7th grade families,

We are writing to share with you information about the placement process for seventh to eighth grade mathematics courses at Lexington Public Schools. As you may be aware, there are three mathematics courses available to our students in Grade 8. The courses are as follows:

Honors Mathematics I  
Mathematics I  
Mathematics 8

The Mathematics Department is committed to informing all parents and students of the criteria used to determine student placement in the above courses. We have a robust placement process to ensure that all students have equal access to our courses and also to ensure that no single assessment is a determining factor for student placement. The placement process is ongoing throughout the academic year and includes a comprehensive package of assessments that are administered at appropriate moments in our Grade 7 curriculum. We look carefully at the common placement criteria outlined below for the purposes of norming scoring and establishing an algorithm that appropriately makes placement determinations according to student performance and growth.

Unit Assessments  
Problem Solving Task  
Computational Skills Assessment  
Grade 7 Cumulative Assessment  
Performance Task

While the placement process is ongoing throughout the academic year, student placement determinations are completed in May. Please note that we will be communicating more about the course selection and placement process in the spring at our Math Placement Information Night. In the interim, please feel free to reach out to your child's classroom teacher or the Mathematics Department Head, Stephanie Burroughs, with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

The Middle School Mathematics Department