



Dear Eighth Grade Algebra Student & Guardians,

The Lake Park Mathematics Department would like to congratulate you on the academic success you have achieved in middle school. As you continue in your math education throughout your eighth grade year, we would like to emphasize the importance of algebra. Algebra is the foundation for many other areas of mathematics. Therefore, a thorough understanding and successful completion of your eighth grade algebra course is vital to your success in high school math courses. Lake Park High School District 108 defines success in Algebra as earning a minimum grade of B during each marking period of your eighth grade Algebra course. If you do not maintain this requirement, you will have to either take a summer school Algebra for Enrichment course at Lake Park prior to your freshmen year or repeat the entire year of Algebra at Lake Park during your freshman year.

Information regarding the summer Algebra for Enrichment course will be given to those students who earn a C or below during the first two marking periods. If you do not receive information regarding this course and know that you have not met the necessary requirements to advance beyond Algebra, it is your responsibility to contact me directly.

A grade of B or higher in eighth grade Algebra, recommendations from your current teacher, and your score on the SAT 8/9 test will be considered in determining your math course placement for freshman year. Depending upon the individual profile developed using these criteria, students who maintain a grade of B or higher each marking period during eighth grade Algebra may be able to bypass Lake Park's algebra course and follow sequence 4 below:

College Prep Math Sequences				
	Sequence 1	Sequence 2	Sequence 3	Sequence 4
Freshman Year	Algebra 1 Advanced	Geometry Advanced	Geometry Honors	Algebra 2 Honors
Sophomore Year	Geometry Advanced	Algebra 2 Advanced	Algebra 2 Honors	Pre-Calculus Honors
Junior Year	Algebra 2 Advanced	Pre-Calculus Advanced	Pre-Calculus Honors	AP Calculus BC
Senior Year	Pre-Calculus Advanced	AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus BC	Calculus III (Dual Credit)

Students who take advanced levels of mathematics throughout high school open opportunities for their future. Though still in middle school, you have already demonstrated that you are capable of outstanding work in mathematics. Continue to study hard, actively participate in class, and work to do your best each day. I look forward to working with you when you enter Lake Park High School next year. If you have questions about the process or criteria used for freshman year math placement at Lake Park High School, you may contact me at mgawrych@lphs.org or via telephone at 630-529-3058.

Sincerely,
Margaret Gawrych
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