

Monroe Township School District

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To the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Fourth and Fifth Grade students:

The criteria for the Accelerated Mathematics Program has been revised to ensure that students who enter the program are successful throughout the entire 8-year program. This program is intended for gifted students who can successfully complete high-level critical thinking application problems at an extremely rigorous pace. Students need to have acquired the ability to apply their current grade level New Jersey 2016 Student Learning Standards within a variety of multi-step application based scenarios.

<p>Students in <i>Grade 5 Accelerated Mathematics</i> complete the <i>Grade 6 Mathematics</i> curriculum with an infusion of grade 5 standards, as needed.</p> <p>To enter the <i>Grade 5 Accelerated Mathematics</i> program in the fall of 2019, the students must satisfy the following updated criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A score of 92% on the 4th grade district Accelerated Mathematics Readiness assessment administered in the spring. <p>In addition, a student must meet a minimum of 1 of the 2 following assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final grade of 95 or better in 4th grade mathematics.• A grade 4 Spring MAP Math RIT score of 233 or higher	<p>Students in <i>Grade 6 Accelerated Mathematics</i> complete the <i>Grade 7 and 8 Mathematics</i> curricula.</p> <p>To enter the <i>Grade 6 Accelerated Mathematics</i> program in the fall of 2019, the students must satisfy the following updated criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A score of 92% on the 5th grade district Accelerated Mathematics Readiness assessment administered in the spring. <p>In addition, a student must meet a minimum of 1 of the 2 following assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final grade of 95 or better in 5th grade mathematics.• A grade 5 Spring MAP Math RIT score of 242 or higher
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Parents and students should understand the challenging nature of this program from the onset. The pace, content, and amount of work in the course will be appropriately tailored to children who excel in mathematics. The children selected will likely experience challenges beyond that of their previous years. The goal of this program is to prepare students for *Algebra I* in grade 7 and, ultimately, for *Advanced Placement Calculus BC* in grade 12.

Parents of 4th and 5th grade students in the Monroe Township School District are invited to attend the **Accelerated Mathematics Program Information Night** in the **Brookside Elementary School** cafeteria on **January 9, 2019 at 6:30pm**. This session will give parents an overview of the full spectrum of the Accelerated Mathematics Program through high school including guidelines and expectations.

I look forward to being able to answer all of your questions.

Sincerely,

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