

Information for Parents Regarding Secondary Mathematics in the Saint Paul Public Schools Mathematics

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased that you are sending your son/daughter to the Saint Paul Public Schools. We would like to inform you of the changes and requirements in mathematics for grades 7-12.

Last year the Minnesota Department of Education revised the Academic Standards and requirements for students. In recognition of this revision, the Saint Paul Public Schools is requiring students to engage in mathematics courses from Pre-Algebra in grade 7 through Algebra 2 in grade 11. Students should complete Algebra 2 by the end of 11th grade. During the 2006-2007 school year the Saint Paul Public Schools adopted a comprehensive mathematics curriculum for grades 7-11 district-wide that meets or exceeds the standards required by the State of Minnesota.

Currently, junior high and high school students in grades 7, 8, and 11 take the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA II). Through 2008, the results of the test will be used to fulfill the federal requirements of No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Beginning spring of 2009, the MCA II will be a requirement for graduation fulfilled by 11th grade students demonstrating proficiency on the designated (GRAD) portion. In order for your son/daughter to be successful on this test, it is important that they prepare through the sequence of courses required by the Saint Paul Public Schools.

Attached are the pathways students must take in mathematics to meet or exceed the requirements. We wish your son/daughter success in their learning because mathematics prepares them for life beyond high school. If you have questions regarding the mathematics program in the Saint Paul Public Schools please feel free to contact any member of the math team listed below. You may also contact your son/daughter's counselor if you have questions regarding the mathematics pathways.

Sincerely,

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