## Deciding Between Math 7 or Math 7 Honors

| Math Class | Recommended Background | Expected Mathematical Skills |
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| Math 7 <br> The seventh-grade math standards continue studies from grade six to emphasize the foundations of prealgebra. | The successful completion of 6th grade math | - Operations with whole numbers, integers, fractions, mixed numbers and decimals (adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing) <br> - Long division <br> - Place value of decimals (tenths, hundredths, thousandths, etc.) <br> - Identify basic polygons <br> - Understand measures of central tendency (mean, median, mode, range) <br> - Probability of simple events (picking a card, rolling dice) |
| Math 7 Honors <br> The Math 7H standards build the concepts needed for success in high school level algebra, geometry, and statistics. <br> Math 7H follows the prealgebra (math 8) curriculum and students will take the Math 8 SOL | Mostly 4's in previous math courses <br> The successful completion of Advanced Mathematics 6 or a year-long accelerated mathematics course (while this is a recommendation, it is not a requirement) <br> Pass advance on all previous math SOLs (500 or above) <br> Completes the "Math 7 Honors" summer math packet with understanding | - Integer, fraction, decimal, percent math sense (ordering, calculating, converting): a) investigate and describe the concept of negative exponents for powers of ten; b) compare and order numbers greater than zero written in scientific notation; d) determine square roots of perfect squares; and e) Identify and describe absolute value of rational numbers <br> - General understanding of consumer math (tax, tip, discount) <br> - Proportional reasoning <br> - Able to solve 2-step equations and graph one-step inequalities <br> - Students should be comfortable representing linear functions as equations ( $y=m \mathrm{x}$ or $y=x+b$ ), tables of values, graphs and words <br> - Foundation of geometry: polygon vocabulary <br> - Understand measures of central tendency (mean, median, mode, range) <br> - Probability of an independent event |
| Is your child ready for Math 7 Honors | Ask yourself if your child: <br> - Is highly interested in any mathematical problems and seeks those that pose a challenge? <br> - Has excellent attendance and completes homework, class work and other assignments in a timely manner? <br> - Has developed organizational and time management skills? <br> - Completes most of their homework without additional help? <br> - Contributes insightful and salient points to class discussions about problems? <br> - Is prepared to learn and use effective strategies for approaching any mathematical problem? <br> - Is an independent learner who is eager to improve their skills? <br> - Responds well to constructive criticism <br> - Can manage the accelerated pace of the mathematics curriculum? <br> - Will be ready to take the math 8 SOL as a 7 th grade student? |  |
| Does your child qualify for Algebra I Honors? | To qualify for Algebra 1 Honors, students must h <br> - completed Advanced Mathematics 6 or a <br> - passed the Iowa Algebra Aptitude Test (IAA <br> - A score of pass advanced (500 or above) Letters will be mailed from Hughes this summer | ar-long accelerated mathematics course ) score at or above the 91st percentile the Mathematics 7 SOL test arding placement. Please wait until this letter is received to make any appeals. |

