## Deciding Between Math 7 or Math 7 Honors

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