

MATH CHALLENGE TEST INFORMATION — MATH 7AB AND ALGEBRA CLASSES — PRE-REGISTRATION

REQUIRED

Registration forms will be available in middle school offices after students have been advised of their 2011/2012 math placement. The Challenge Test will be offered before the end of this school year to accommodate vacation plans of district families. These are the only available scheduled test dates:

When: May 23, 2011 — Level I

May 26, 2011* — Level II

*Only required of students with an 88% passing score on May 23, Level I test.

NEW THIS YEAR: Students will be tested at their home middle school, after a regular school day. Middle schools will contact registered students with the room and time information. The goal of the Cupertino Union School District is to place all its students in the highest-level mathematics course for which the students are prepared to succeed. The current placement process at the middle school sites includes multiple assessments and teacher judgments. If your son/daughter is presently a sixth or seventh grader and believes s/he is prepared for a higher level than s/he is recommended to take, s/he must demonstrate this readiness by passing the appropriate challenge test with a score of 88% on Level I and 90% on Level II tests. The student needs to pass the Math 7AB Challenge Test (Level I and II) to enroll in an Algebra class in the fall. Similarly, the student needs to pass the Algebra Challenge Test (Level I and II) to enroll in a Geometry class in the fall. Students considering taking a challenge test are required to discuss their choice with their teacher and/or counselor before signing up for a challenge test.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS:

- The Challenge Tests are **only** appropriate for a small number of advanced students who feel their placement may be incorrect.
- If you have questions regarding your student's math class placement for the 2011-2012 school year, contact your student's math teacher or school counselor before registering for the Challenge Test.
- The Challenge Tests are **not** designed to be general placement tests.
- The Challenge Test cannot be required by a teacher.
- Past test results show that **very few** students qualify to "skip" an entire middle school math course.
- **PLEASE** consider **carefully whether or not such a rigorous testing experience is appropriate for your student.**
- Incoming Grade 7AB students **may not** challenge the Algebra class to take Geometry in the fall.

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THE CHALLENGE TESTS IS REQUIRED

The challenge test dates for Levels I and II have been set for **May 23 (Level I) and May 26, 2011, (Level II) at students' current middle school.** Students should pick up a copy of the registration form from their middle school office. Additional information is on the registration form. All registration forms are due at the district office by **5 p.m., May 13, 2011.** No exceptions will be made.

Due to district budget constraints, the test will be on a fee basis. Parents will be asked to pay a non-refundable fee of \$25 per student to take the challenge test. In case of financial hardship, please contact René Jones at 252-3000, extension 147, before you send in your application.

NO SUMMER MATH CHALLENGE TEST

The Math Challenge Test that was previously given in August will now be administered on May 23, 2011. Please contact your middle school for more information.