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Dear Parent/Guardian of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student:

In sixth grade, students are placed in one of three levels of mathematics. In order to ensure accurate placement, a variety of data points that reflect students' performance are examined.

Two assessments will be administered throughout fifth grade that align with the district curriculum. They first will be administered on December 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> and will assess Topics 1 – 4, and the second will be given on March 6 or 7<sup>th</sup> and will assess Topics 1 – 8. Students with at least a 90% average on the two benchmark assessments as well as all students in the Academically Talented and Enrichment math program will qualify to take the Pre-Algebra A placement test in May. Students who qualify will be notified in advance.

Please see the flowchart on the next page that indicates all of our math courses, pathways, and placement details.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

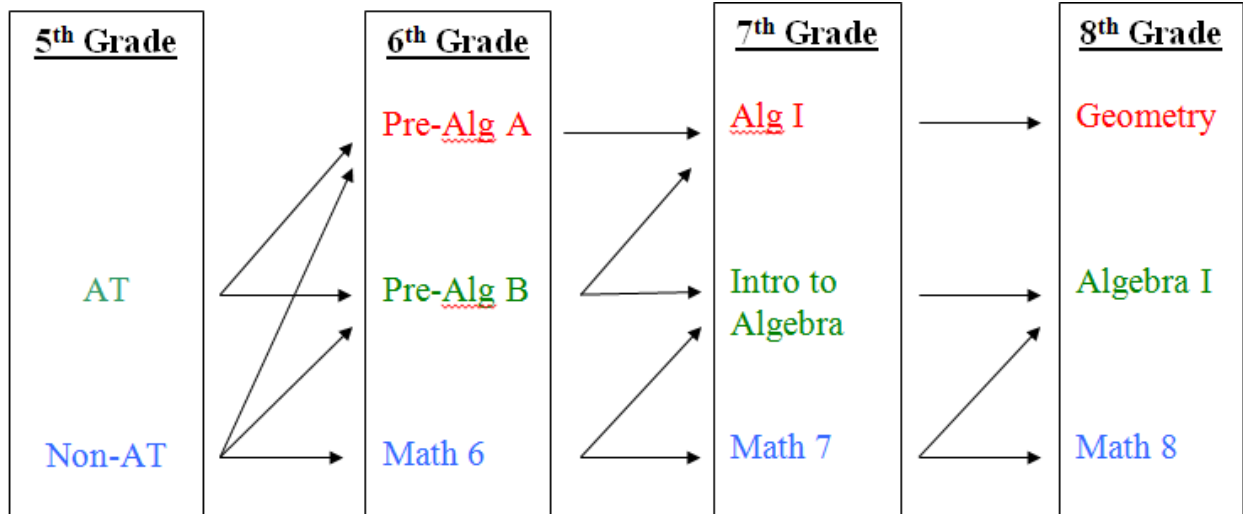
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## Mathematics Course Offerings for the 2019 - 2020 School Year

Red indicates a 2-year accelerated program  
Green indicates a 1-year accelerated program  
Blue indicates a grade level program



Students need to average at least 90% on the two Benchmark Assessments in order to qualify for taking the Pre-Algebra A Placement Test. All AT students also qualify to take the test. Students who score at least 88% will be placed in Pre-Algebra A. Students who score below 88% will be placed in Pre-Algebra B.

For students who do not qualify to take the Pre-Algebra A placement test, four data points (two benchmarks assessments, Linkit! C, and teacher rubric score) will be entered into a placement formula that assigns weight to each criterion. Students will earn a percentage of the total possible points.

Students who do not qualify to take the Pre-Algebra A placement Test may enter Pre-Algebra B by earning 83% of the total possible points. Students who earn less than 83% will be placed in Math 6. Students who enter Pre-Algebra A or B must earn a final average of 80% or higher to continue at the current level.

Some of the Learning Centers and Academies at Freehold Regional High School District require completion of Algebra I by the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade with a minimum grade of B to gain admittance. Please visit <http://www.frhsd.com/domain/38> for more information.

### **Important IEP/504 Note for Students Who Qualify for Taking the Pre-Algebra A Placement Test:**

In order to ensure that students can successfully maintain the pace of this rigorous accelerated math course, the Pre-Algebra A Placement Test is timed. Students are given 40 minutes to complete 60 Multiple Choice items. If your child has an IEP or 504 with an accommodation that refers to extended or unlimited time, your child would not receive this accommodation when taking the Pre-Algebra A test. Providing a student with extended or unlimited time would invalidate the score because the district would not be able to measure the student's ability to maintain the pace and rigor of this accelerated course.

