



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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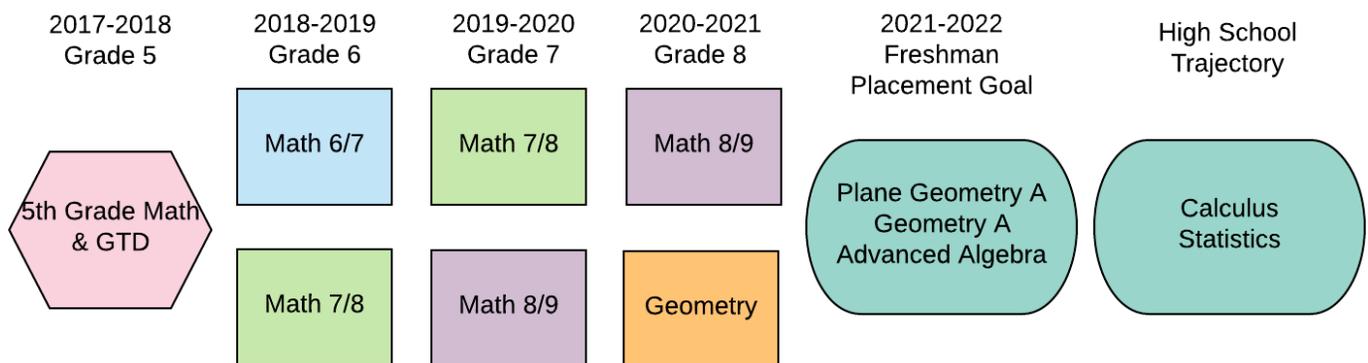
Dear District 97 Fifth Grade Families,

Brooks and Julian implemented a new middle school mathematics curriculum at the start of the 2018-19 school year to help ensure that all students receive challenging, engaging instruction that reflects their prior knowledge and learning style. For students who intend to go to Oak Park and River Forest High School after eighth grade, this new curriculum will enable them to enroll in Plane Geometry A, Geometry A or Advanced Algebra, and will put them on the trajectory to take Calculus or Statistics.

The changes in our middle school math program are the result of work District 97 was engaged in with districts 90 and 200. Through this work, our middle school mathematics teachers have sought to develop an improved program that will support a variety of learning needs, while also helping students establish a solid foundation that will aid their success in high school math, science and STEM.

Below is the course framework for our incoming 6th grade students for middle school mathematics. Additionally, here is a [link](#) to our Middle School Mathematics course criteria for placement. Students will receive placement letters in July. If your student is interested in additional math practice over the summer, please visit these sites: [Khan Academy to MAP](#) or [Inside Mathematics](#).

Mathematics Courses Framework for Fall 2018 Incoming 6th Grade and Beyond



Our district’s vision is to create a positive learning environment, for all District 97 students, that is equitable, inclusive, and focused on the whole child. One of our goals is for **every student to have access and the opportunity to learn at high levels, with learning outcomes not dependent upon race, gender or socioeconomic status.**

To support our incoming sixth grade students with the transition to middle school mathematics, District 97 is offering the *Introduction to Middle School Math* summer math course for incoming sixth graders. The *Introduction to Middle School Math* class will:

- Provide additional support to students who need to review fifth grade Common Core Math Standards

- Provide opportunities for students to be challenged by engaging performance tasks in mathematics
- Include topics such as fractions and decimal operations, proportions, and geometry

Additionally, District 97 is introducing the **Math 6/7 Bridge** summer math course, which is a new Blended Learning course being offered to incoming sixth grade students. The **Math 6/7 Bridge** class will:

- Allow students to participate in an online course during the summer and test into *Math 7/8* for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Provide additional support for students who are interested in accelerating into the *Math 7/8* course for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Increase access to advanced course taking for as many students as possible.

The details for the Middle School Summer Math programs for incoming 6th graders are below. To provide an optimal learning environment, we would like to maintain a class size of 15 students per class. If we do not reach a minimum of 10 students registered, the class will be cancelled and the registration fee will be refunded in full.

Introduction to Middle School Math	
Location	Julian Middle School, 416 S. Ridgeland, Oak Park, IL 60302
Dates	June 17 - July 3, 2019 (Monday - Friday)
Times	8:00 am - 10:00 am <u>OR</u> 10:00 am - 12:00 pm <i>Students may attend only <u>one</u> session</i>
Cost	\$180.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The registration fee includes a \$25 non-refundable registration fee, which will be refunded only if District 97 cancels the class. • Scholarships are automatically applied for students currently participating in the free or reduced lunch program. You can pay the registration fee with a credit card after completing the registration form on the district website at: http://bit.ly/2019D97summermath

Math 6/7 Bridge	
Location	The Summer Math Bridge course will be online and technology will be provided to students during the summer. District 97 will require students to take the end of course assessment in person on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at Julian Middle School, 416 S. Ridgeland, Oak Park, IL 60302
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If you would like your child to participate in the *Introduction to Middle School Math* or *Math 6/7 Bridge* courses this summer, please visit the District 97 website to register your child at <http://bit.ly/2019D97summermath>. **Registration will open on February 13, 2019 and will close on April 30, 2019.** If you need assistance with the registration process, please contact Trecie Johnson in the Teaching and Learning Department at (708) 524-3021 or tjohnson@op97.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tawanda Lawrence".

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