

Student Academic Achievement**Pre-Algebra and Algebra in Junior High School**

The Missouri Coordinating Board for High Education recommends at least three units of advanced mathematics for high school students preparing for post-secondary education. The recommended course are high school level algebra and beyond, including Algebra II.

In order to assist students in meeting this goal, Pre-Algebra and Algebra shall be offered to academically advanced students in junior high school. A student may be admitted to these classes if the following requirements are met:

1. Pre-Algebra: A student will be placed in pre-algebra in seventh grade based on the recommendation of the sixth grade classroom teacher and the student's scores on the sixth grade level mathematics achievement test. Recommended students will not be placed in the class without parental approval. Parents will be notified of the school's recommendation in writing and must consent to the student's placement by providing a signature on the recommendation letter and returning it to the school counselor prior to scheduling.
2. Algebra I: A student will be placed in Algebra I in eighth grade based on the recommendation of the seventh grade pre-algebra teacher and the student's scores on the seventh grade level mathematics achievement test. Recommended students will not be placed in the class without parental approval. Parents will be notified of the school's recommendation in writing and must consent to the student's placement by providing a signature on the recommendation letter and returning it to the school counselor prior to scheduling.
3. Eighth grade Algebra I students may schedule geometry in the ninth grade based on the recommendation of the eighth grade algebra teacher and the student's scores on the eighth grade level mathematics achievement tests. Recommended students will not be placed in the class without parental approval. Parents will be notified of the school's recommendation in writing and must consent to the student's placement by providing a signature on the recommendation letter and returning it to the school counselor prior to scheduling.
4. Eighth grade algebra students may schedule and take Algebra I for high school credit in ninth grade with either parental consent or the recommendation of the student's eighth grade algebra teacher. Parents must provide written notification to the school prior to scheduling if they wish for their child to repeat Algebra I in the ninth grade. Parental consent is not necessary if the student's eighth grade algebra teacher recommends Algebra I for the ninth grade.
5. Students will not receive credit towards high school graduation for either pre-algebra or algebra courses taken in junior high school.

This policy will take effect for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students scheduling for the 2002-2003 school year.