

PCS Office of Middle School Education – Acceleration Options for Grade 6 Math

October 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian of _____,

Your child has demonstrated above average academic ability in mathematics based on achieving a:

- 2025 4th Grade FSA math score of Level 4 or 5

Pinellas County middle schools offer student the opportunity to accelerate by enrolling in advanced math courses that will result in high school credits earned in middle school. The pathways below are contingent upon successful course completion and continued Proficiency or Mastery on the FAST assessments aligned with each course.

	Recommended Criteria	2026-2027 Grade 6	2027-2028 Grade 7	2028-2029 Grade 8	2029-2030 Grade 9
Math Acceleration Option 1 (student earns 1 high school math credit while in middle school)	<i>Promotion from 5th grade to 6th grade (no action required)</i>	Grade 6 Accelerated Mathematics	Grade 7 Accelerated Mathematics	Algebra 1 Honors (high school credit)	Geometry Honors
Math Acceleration Option 2 (student earns 2 high school math credits while in middle school)	2025 4 th Grade FAST Math Level 4 or 5 AND Successful completion of Pinellas Virtual School (PVS) Grade 6 Accel. Mathematics OR demonstration of mastery on Competency Based Test	Grade 7 Accelerated Mathematics	Algebra 1 Honors (high school credit)	Geometry Honors (high school credit)	Algebra 2 Honors

Math Acceleration Option 1

- Requires no action.

Math Acceleration Option 2

- Pinellas Virtual School (PVS) is offering 5th grade students with a 2025 4th Grade FAST Math Level 4 or 5 the opportunity to complete "Grade 6 Accelerated Mathematics" online this school year. Course work will occur November 3, 2025-May 28, 2026. Students will work independently outside the school day to complete the online coursework. Students must be self-directed learners willing to successfully complete all required coursework. Visit: www.pcsb.org/virtualschool to learn more about the course.

Parents must complete enrollment for the PVS course by Oct. 31, 2025 by visiting: <https://www.flvs.net>

- Students who successfully **complete "Grade 6 Accelerated Mathematics"** (no less than 70% "C" average) by May 28, 2026 will be enrolled in the **"Grade 7 Accelerated Mathematics"** course for 6th grade.
- Students can opt to take a Competency Based Test to "test out of" the PVS course. Students who earn a proficiency score of at least 80% can enroll in the **"Grade 7 Accelerated Mathematics"** course for 6th grade.
 - **Because this assessment evaluates the entirety of the 6th grade math benchmarks and half of the 7th grade math benchmarks, a very small percentage of students achieve the 80% or higher score as a 5th grader.**

For more information, please visit: pcsb.org/middle

Thank you for your prompt attention in deciding your child's future educational programming.

- **If you would like Option 2 for your child**, you will need to register at: <https://www.flvs.net> by Oct. 31, 2025.
- **Registration is open now**, and students will start the course anytime on Nov. 3, 2025.
- **Competency Test Information** under Option 2 can be found here: pcsb.org/middle