

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

September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian of _____,

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

- 2023 4th Grade FSA math score of Level 4 or 5

Pinellas County middle schools offer students 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 On-Grade Level, Proficient, or Mastery on the FAST Assessments aligned with each course.

	Recommended Criteria	2024-2025 Grade 6	2025-2026 Grade 7	2026-2027 Grade 8
Math Acceleration Option 1 (student earns 1 high school math credit)	<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)
Math Acceleration Option 2 (student earns 2 high school math credits)	<i>2023 4th Grade FSA 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</i>	Grade 7 Accelerated Mathematics	Algebra 1 Honors (high school credit)	Geometry Honors (high school credit)

Math Acceleration Option 1

- Requires no action.

Math Acceleration Option 2

- Pinellas Virtual School (PVS) is offering 5th grade students with a 2023 4th Grade FSA Math Level 4 or 5 the opportunity to complete “Grade 6 Accelerated Mathematics” online this school year. Course work will occur October 30, 2023 – May 29, 2024. 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 October 27, 2023 by visiting:

<https://www.flvs.net>

- Students who successfully **complete “Grade 6 Accelerated Mathematics” (No less than 70%/ “C” average)** by May 29th, 2024 will be enrolled in **“Grade 7 Accelerated Mathematics”** 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. 27, 2023
- **Registration is open now**, and students will start the course anytime on October 30, 2023.
- **Competency Test Information** under Option 2, can be found here: pcsb.org/middle