September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian of ____________________________,

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

- 2023 4\textsuperscript{th} 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.

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Math Acceleration Option 1
- Requires no action.

Math Acceleration Option 2
- Pinellas Virtual School (PVS) is offering 5\textsuperscript{th} grade students with a 2023 4\textsuperscript{th} 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 29\textsuperscript{th}, 2024 will be enrolled in “Grade 7 Accelerated Mathematics” for 6\textsuperscript{th} 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 6\textsuperscript{th} grade.
  - Because this assessment evaluates the entirety of the 6\textsuperscript{th} grade math benchmarks and half of the 7\textsuperscript{th} grade math benchmarks, a very small percentage of students achieve the 80% or higher score as a 5\textsuperscript{th} 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