



Wilbraham Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of 7th Grade Students,

Algebra I Part I is traditionally offered to students in grade nine. Wilbraham Middle School does offer Algebra I Part I to selected students who consistently show mature math perception and exceptional performance. Readiness for the study of Algebra is a function of maturation and critical thinking skills rather than a measure of academic ability. It cannot and should not be rushed.

All 7th grade students will participate in two testing sessions where the Iowa Algebra Aptitude Test and the Lee Test of Algebraic Ability will be administered. Results of these tests will be used in the selection process to determine who will be enrolled in Algebra I Part I in eighth grade. Students must meet four out of five criteria to successfully qualify for enrollment. The criteria are as follows:

- A score must be achieved at or above the 87th percentile on the Iowa Algebra Aptitude Test.
- A score must be achieved at or above the 90th percentile on the Lee Test of Algebraic Ability.
- The student must have achieved at or above a scaled score of 255 on the 6th grade Math MCAS given last spring.
- The student has grades of B+ or higher in 7th grade Math this school year.
- The student's current Math teacher has recommended the student for Algebra I Part I.

Parents will be notified whether or not their child has successfully met the criteria necessary for enrollment in Algebra I, Part I for eighth grade before the end of the school year.

If you have any questions regarding this process or after receiving your notification letter in June, please feel free to contact the school's Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Spafford, at 596-9061.

Sincerely,

Stephen Hale
Principal