

Washington Middle School Mathematics Course Placement Contract (6th Grade)

Return by August 31, 2018

Student Name (Printed): _____

Student ID: _____ Elementary School: _____

Skipping any one course in the Math Pathway can negatively impact a student's success in future classes, and is highly discouraged. However, in extremely rare cases, available data may not reflect the best math placement for the student. In that unusual situation, a parent/guardian and student may choose to opt up one course level from the current course provided that the following criteria are met through this Placement Contract. In all other situations, students will take the district-recommended course. Our mathematics program allows for 6th grade students in those rare situations to "opt up" from Math 6 to Math 7 or from Math 7 to Math 8 if they received a Level 4 on the 5th grade Smarter Balanced Assessment. **Students may not skip two course levels, and may not opt up beyond Math 8.**

By "opting up", your family is choosing a course not recommended by data. The school and teacher will not provide remediation if the student is not prepared for the course. Washington Middle School will have the option to move a student back to the district-recommended class if he/she is not succeeding.

Please initial each bullet.

We understand that:

- _____ our student will need to earn a Level 4 on the 5th grade Smarter Balanced Assessment to qualify to eligible to "opt-up".
- _____ we are selecting a course and pathway not recommended by district data.
- _____ our student must still complete 3 years of mathematics in high school, and that it is highly recommended that students take mathematics through 12th grade.
- _____ skipping mathematics courses is not usually recommended, and that the more advanced course will not cover the skipped material.
- _____ our student may earn lower grades than she/he is accustomed to and understand that she/he may be moved to the originally-recommended course if her/his performance indicates a need for the change.

My child and I have read the information about "opting up" to a more advanced course and pathway. We have reviewed the student's current course work and available data, and believe she/he is capable of being successful in a more advanced course pathway, assuming space is available. We have discussed the motivation and work necessary to succeed, and believe that our student will benefit from the challenge and is comfortable working outside of his or her academic comfort zone. We accept the terms of this contract, and choose to opt up one course level as shown.

6th Grade Math Course Enrolled In: _____ "Opt Up" Course: _____

Student Name (printed): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

WMS will contact you regarding the outcome of contract application once SBA scores are released and schedules.

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5th Grade SBA Score _____

Level _____

Opt Up Approved

Yes No

Family Contacted