



Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of the Accelerated Math 8 guidelines to which your child must adhere. Accelerated Math 8 is demanding and requires strong work ethics. This class is a privilege and should not be taken lightly. Accelerated Math 8 will challenge your child’s abstract, organizational, and logical skills. Some students will understand it quickly and enjoy it while others may struggle and become overwhelmed. Overall, this will be a new process of thinking.

The grades and abilities of the students will be monitored. Students with grades below a C during the first trimester will be considered for placement into General Math 8. Continuation in the accelerated class will be determined case-by-case.

This guideline is to help ensure students are successful this year and beyond. Accelerated Math 8 builds rapidly throughout the year. If your child cannot handle the first trimester’s work, then he/she will not be able to understand the remainder of the course. Your child’s success in this class will set precedence for placement in high school AP and Honors courses.

Please understand this is not meant to be a punishment, but rather a tool. Placement into General Math 8 does not mean the student will not be successful with high school AP/Honors. It simply means it is too much for the student at this time. Here at James Workman, we want the best for all students. As educators, we want our students to strengthen their analytical thinking skills and deepen their conceptual understanding of Math. This level of thinking is crucial for understanding higher-level mathematics.

To help students be successful in Accelerated Math 8 we recommend the following:

- Write and utilize organized notes
- Come to tutoring (Mondays, Thursdays: 2:30PM – 3:30PM and Fridays by appointment)
- Check the solutions on homework
- Ask questions during the lesson
- Stay current with homework
- Monitor grades on “Synergy Parent/Student View”
- Maintain good attendance

Please feel free to contact us at any time with concerns or comments about your child’s progress. We recommend viewing grades on “Synergy” prior to emailing us. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable year. Thank you for your time, and support.

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Student Name: _____ Period: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____

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