

**Math Common Core Standards
Follow Up to District Meeting with David Foster
Accelerated Pathway Plan
June, 2014**

At the April 22, 2014 Common Core Math presentation by David Foster, parents expressed a desire for Evergreen School District to continue to provide an accelerated pathway for middle school students.

Since then, the District has researched viable pathways that would both accommodate parents' desire for an accelerated pathway option *and* at the same time preserve the District's need to make sure that students identified as candidates for this pathway are able to be successful.

The course sequence for all students in Common Core will have students take *Common Core Math 6*, as sixth grade students; *Common Core Math 7*, as seventh grade students; and *Common Core Math 8*, as eighth grade students. When students start high school in ninth grade, they will take *Common Core High School Math 1*. These courses are sequential and must be taken in order.

An accelerated pathway will have eighth grade students take *Common Core High School Math 1* and enter high school ready to take *Common Core High School Math 2* as freshmen.

The 2014-2015 school year will be the first year that Common Core math is implemented. Students, who are candidates for acceleration in Common Core, must be able to demonstrate proficiency in the Common Core curriculum. Accordingly, **all seventh grade students, including those identified for an accelerated pathway, will take *Common Core Math 7*.**

Acceleration for identified students will begin in eighth grade and will require students to take two periods of math in each semester of eighth grade; students will complete both *Common Core Math 8* and *Common Core High School Course 1* and will enter high school ready to take *Common Core High School Course 2*.

While cut off scores and additional criteria are still being considered, candidates for acceleration will be identified by the following:

- Score on 5th grade CST
- Score on 6th grade performance assessment

Students who meet the above criteria will be monitored during their 7th grade year for the following:

- Grades at first and second semester of Grade 7 Math course
- Score on 7th grade performance assessment

- Teacher recommendation

The Board of Trustees will hold a conversation meeting on the Common Core on **July 23, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.** The public is invited to provide input on the acceleration plan at that time. If you are interested in providing input to this plan, and are unable to attend the Board meeting, you may submit your comments to Assistant Superintendent, Dan Deguara at ddeguaara@eesd.org.

David Foster's April 22 presentation on [Common Core Math](#), is available on the District's website along with other resources for parents.