



WESTWOOD JUNIOR HIGH: THE MATH, SCIENCE, LEADERSHIP MAGNET Algebra I for Seventh Grade

Leading the Pack: Students Uniquely Suited for the Rigor of Algebra I

Westwood Junior High: The Math, Science, Leadership Magnet offers a distinctive opportunity for students to accelerate by taking Algebra I during their seventh-grade year. Geometry is available for these students' eighth-grade year at Westwood. Seventh-grade students passing Algebra I will advance through Algebra II, Pre-Cal, Calculus and Statistics in high school.

Credit by Exam

Seventh-grade students wishing to take Algebra I must demonstrate readiness for the rigor of Algebra I by scoring 80 or above on the acceleration exams for eighth-grade math. Students with a high A in sixth-grade math may find these assessments very challenging. The intention of the acceleration exam is not that students pass by "cramming" prior to the test; rather, it is designed for students with knowledge and skills significantly above grade level to demonstrate their mastery of additional materials. The exam covers eighth-grade math TEKS.

MAGNET APPLICATION AND EXAM PROCESS

Nov. 8, 2023	Junior High Magnet application available online
Dec. 1, 2023	All Junior High Magnet applications due
Now to May 5, 2024	Information packets and Credit by Exam applications available via elementary counselors

CREDIT BY EXAM

Register at:
s.risd.org/cbeapp



Registration
Deadline:

May 2, 2024

Testing
Windows:

June 10-12, 2024

July TBD 2024

Credit by Exam opportunities for eighth-grade math (aka prealgebra) are scheduled in June and July. Students may choose the window that best fits their schedule, but the exam may only be taken once at no cost. Students may attempt the exam a second time in a separate testing window through Texas Tech University; however, there is a fee for these tests. For more information about your child's requested test, our process, or testing opportunities outside RISD, please visit smore.com/6fpre. For students not yet assigned to Westwood, placement is prioritized by students on the waiting list for Westwood who pass the exam.

Additional Opportunities at Westwood

Students do not have to take Algebra I for Seventh Grade in order to apply to Westwood Junior High. Westwood offers a full range of opportunities for every student, including seventh-grade **Investigating Engineering** (enhances student creativity, critical-thinking and problem-solving skills in the context of math, science and engineering) and eighth-grade **Integrated Health Science** (includes Health Education curriculum extended over two semesters, enhanced with applied-science techniques). Additionally, Westwood offers a **Leadership** curricular program unique among RISD's secondary schools. Apply to Westwood by submitting the online Junior High Magnet Application by Dec. 1.