

March 14, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: Students Who Took High School Algebra I (Regular, Bilingual or Honors) in 8th Grade and Their Parents/Guardians

FROM: Amelia Milazzo, Executive Director, Curriculum & Instruction

RE: **ALGEBRA I (REGULAR, BILINGUAL AND HONORS) CREDIT ON THE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT WHEN COURSEWORK IS COMPLETED IN 8TH GRADE**

The final grade for high school Algebra I (Regular, Bilingual or Honors), taken by middle school students will be posted to their high school transcripts upon completion of the course.

Once the grade and credit are posted on the high school transcript they CANNOT BE REMOVED and will be calculated in the high school grade point average.

If families choose to opt out of the Algebra I credit, students and parents must complete the attached form and submit to their 8th grade Algebra I teacher by Friday, May 7th, 2021.

Important consideration must be given to the following:

1. If the grade earned in the high school Algebra I (regular, bilingual or honors) course taken in middle school does not reflect mastery of the content, it is recommended that the student retake Algebra I in 9th grade. In this circumstance, it may be better to **not** have the 8th grade Algebra I course grade posted on the transcript. Competitive colleges may discount the value of a course that has been taken twice.
2. If a student successfully completes Algebra I (regular, bilingual or honors) in 8th grade and Algebra I (regular, bilingual or honors) in 9th grade, it is considered a duplication of credit. Both courses (grades) will be displayed on the transcript, but credit will only be awarded for one of the courses (the one with the higher grade). In this circumstance, it may be better to **not** have the 8th grade course grade posted on the transcript, assuming the student will perform better when taking the course for the second time.
3. If posted on the high school transcript, the grade earned for the high school Algebra I (regular, bilingual or honors) course taken in 8th grade is included in the cumulative high school grade point average (unless repeated for a better grade in 9th grade). **Please note that this will affect the student's final class ranking and grade point average.** Weighted grades are awarded for Algebra I Honors.

Note: It is not necessary to have the 8th grade Algebra I course appear on the student's transcript, either for high school graduation or for college admission, provided the student has four credits of math in grades 9 through 12. (One credit shall be the equivalent to or higher than the level of Algebra II). Students who are capable of accelerating in math are strongly advised to take math every year they are in high school.

If you have any questions about this process, contact the administration at your middle school.



Opting out of posting of the 8th Grade Algebra I

(Regular, Bilingual, or Honors) Grade for the High School Transcript

Once the grade and credit are posted on the high school transcript they CANNOT BE REMOVED and will be calculated in the high school grade point average.

I anticipate attending _____ for 9th grade.

School Name

Printed Student Name

Student Identification Number

Home Phone Number

Middle School

By signing below, I choose to opt out of the Algebra I (Regular, Bilingual, or Honors) grade earned in 8th grade on my high school transcript. I understand that I will have to take Algebra I in the 9th grade if I do not agree to have this credit posted. I will be required to complete four (4) years of math in high school in order to meet my graduation requirements.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

RETURN THIS OPT OUT FORM TO YOUR 8th GRADE ALGEBRA I TEACHER BY FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021. FAILURE TO RETURN THIS FORM WILL RESULT IN POSTING OF YOUR 8TH GRADE ALGEBRA I GRADE ON YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.