

TO: Parents of Incoming Freshmen
FROM: Mr. J. McCarty, Math Placement Test Coordinator, Newport Harbor High School
SUBJECT: Math Placement Test
DATE: March, 2008

Newport Harbor High School invites incoming freshmen to enter an **accelerated math program**. Students who have a natural, intuitive understanding of math concepts are encouraged to take the Math Placement Test. The test must be taken by any freshman who wishes to enroll in Geometry, Algebra II, or Algebra II Honors and who has completed the prerequisite courses at the junior high level with a grade of A or B. **The test will be given at Newport Harbor High School in Dodge Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2008.** Students who have a legitimate conflict with this date should contact Mr. McCarty as soon as possible.

On the day of the exam, students should arrive at Newport Harbor High School by 8:45 a.m. (See map on reverse side.) Students should bring a No. 2 pencil, a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a non-graphing calculator. Food and drinks will not be allowed in the classrooms.

The test consists of 80 multiple-choice questions. Most students will finish the test in one and a half hours to two hours. Students must get at least 90% correct to be placed in Algebra II Honors and at least 70% correct to be placed in Geometry or Algebra II. Students will automatically be scheduled into Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, or Algebra II Honors based on their test scores.

This accelerated math program is geared for **gifted** math students, those who enjoy the challenges of a rigorous math sequence. This test is intended to protect students by ensuring appropriate math placement. Students who pass this test have a higher probability of being successful in future math classes. Our goal is to have our incoming ninth graders experience success in their first year of high school mathematics.

Please complete and return the bottom portion of this letter to Newport Harbor High School by Friday, April 25. The teachers in the math department at Newport Harbor High School would like to thank you in advance for your help and cooperation. We look forward to meeting all of you.

Sincerely,

Mr. J. McCarty
Math Placement Test Coordinator, Newport Harbor High School

Detach this bottom portion and return it to Newport Harbor High School.

Print Student's Name _____ Current School _____

Recommendation of 8th Grade Math Teacher (circle one): Geometry Algebra II Honors Algebra II

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Please return this portion by Friday, April 25.

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