

NOTIFICATION OF TESTING AND OPT-OUT FORM  
IOWA ALGEBRA APTITUDE TEST (IAAT)

Dear Parents/Guardians:

All students who are enrolled in the Advanced Mathematics Grade 6 course are eligible for screening for placement in Algebra I Honors in grade 7. Your child is among a small number of students who is currently enrolled in Advanced Mathematics Grade 6 and eligible for screening for potential placement in Algebra I Honors next year.

To qualify for this placement, students must first demonstrate readiness for formal abstract thinking as evidenced by a score at the 91st percentile or above on the Iowa Algebra Aptitude Test (IAAT). In addition to readiness for abstract thinking, students must show mastery of middle school mathematics as evidenced by a score of 500 or above on the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) Grade 7 mathematics test at the end of grade 6. Over the summer, middle schools will use the data from these two assessments (IAAT and SOL) to place your student in the appropriate course.

Algebra 1 Honors is a rigorous course that carries high school credit and is calculated into the student's grade point average. A desire to take Algebra 1 Honors in grade 7 implies a desire to take five additional years of mathematics through high school, including college-level courses. An advanced level alternative to Algebra 1 Honors in grade 7 is Mathematics 7 Honors. *It is not necessary for students to take the IAAT in order to enroll in Mathematics 7 Honors.*

If you do not want your child to potentially take Algebra 1 Honors in grade 7 and would like to **opt out** from participating in this screening assessment for potential placement in Algebra 1 Honors in grade 7, please sign this letter and ensure that it is returned to the elementary school no later than \_\_\_\_\_. The IAAT will be administered from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact \_\_\_\_\_.

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**IAAT OPT-OUT REQUEST FORM**

**Complete this form only if you wish to opt-out of the Iowa Algebra Aptitude Test (IAAT).**  
Return this form to your child's teacher or the school test coordinator before the testing dates above.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

I **do not** want my child to be tested for potential placement in Algebra I Honors in grade 7.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_