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Kraft Meadows Intermediate Intervention - Extension

Incoming 5th Grade Students

For our incoming 5th grade students, all students will be enrolled in 5th grade math. We understand that going from an elementary school setting to the intermediate school setting can be stressful for our students and parents. As a staff, we want to ensure that all of our students have a positive experience with this transition. Therefore, all 5th grade students will take the I-Ready Math & ELA Diagnostic during the first few weeks of school in the fall (just like they do at our district elementary schools). Based on the results of this diagnostic, students will be grouped with other students that share the same mathematical and reading ability in our Math & ELA Lab classes. These classes are taught by the same teachers that your students will see for their other core classes. The lab classes allow our staff to provide interventions for those students that may need additional support with skills, as well as provide enrichment opportunities for students that need to be challenged with extension activities. We also service students requiring special education or Tier 3 academic support (Scots Room) during our lab time. Depending on the week, our lab classes meet two to three times per week for 45 minutes.

Incoming 6th Grade Students

We will be offering a **6th/7th Mathematics Extension** class to students who have demonstrated advanced skill acquisition during their 5th grade year. Qualification will be based on a combination of the I-Ready Math Diagnostic and Math M-Step results from the spring. We will offer this class to the top 60 scores from the Spring I-Ready Diagnostic. Additionally, the student must also score in the “advanced” range on the Spring Math M-Step in order to qualify. If your child has qualified for this class, you will be notified by July 1, and have the opportunity to opt your child out if you so choose. This class will provide challenging extended instruction of both 6th and 7th grade Michigan state math standards.

In addition to our 6th/7th Math extension class, our 6th grade students have the same opportunity to receive interventions and enrichment in both ELA and Math during our Lab classes. We also service students requiring special education or Tier 3 academic support (Scots Room) during our lab time. Depending on the week, our lab classes meet two to three times per week for 45 minutes.

Commonly Asked Questions:

- 1) Why are there only a limited number of spots available for the 6th/7th Mathematics extension class?
 - a) Qualification scores are determined using national percentiles (scoring at the minimum of the 90th percentile). Research indicates that students scoring in this national percentile range are typically ready for extension activities and the accelerated pacing of mathematical standards. In addition, please understand that this is a time of development for our students, and we want to set all of our students up for success.
- 2) My child did not qualify for the 6th/7th Mathematics extension class, does this mean they will not be challenged?
 - a) No, all math classes provide differentiated instruction which meets the needs of each student. In addition, this includes interventions for students who require extra support and targeted extensions for those students who require additional challenges during our Math Lab classes.
- 3) If my 6th grade student did not meet the minimum score to qualify for 6/7 math extension, could they still qualify to take Algebra in 7th grade at Duncan Lake?
 - a) Yes, if your student does not take the 6/7 math extension class, they can still qualify for Algebra their 7th grade year (based on 6th grade spring I-Ready & M-Step results). In addition, 7th grade students can also qualify to take math extension classes at DLMS.