

## **DSST: Byers MS Math Acceleration Policy**

At DSST: Byers, we value the importance of the human condition and believe in giving every student the chance to develop mathematically to the best of their ability. In addition to in-class differentiation, some students will have a chance to accelerate to the next grade, according to the criteria below:

- -Students scoring at or above the 98th percentile in 6th grade (~250) on their Spring NWEA Math MAP assessment
- -Students scoring at or above the 95th percentile in 7th grade (~255) on their Spring NWEA Math MAP assessment
- -Students scoring at or above the 95th percentile in 8th grade (~260) on their Spring NWEA Math MAP assessment

AND

- -Students maintain an A or A+ average throughout all three trimesters of their past math course.
- -(6th Grade Only)--Students have an A or A+ after 4-6 weeks of student-performance data in their current math course

If students in 7th or 8th grade meet this criteria and wish to accelerate to the following grade's math content, they will have the option to take a summer pre-test. This pre-test will assess their knowledge of the rigorous grade level standards that students are supposed to master by the end of the year in their grade level course. If students score 80% or higher on this test, they will have the option to take the following year's math course. If a student in this situation is requesting a mid-trimester switch, they will need to show that they have mastered the content for the course they are switching into by scoring 80% on the previous trimester's final exam.

## **Byers MS Math Acceleration Process**

Student places at or above 95th percentile on NWEA Math Assessment Student takes grade level assessment on grade level Common Core assessment Student and family have option to move to the following grade level in math

Students eligible to accelerate based on their Spring MAPS scores and their families will be notified of the opportunity to test in June. They will then be given a test encompassing 3-4 questions from each trimester of the course final. Tests will be graded, and students scoring above 80% will be eligible to continue to the next grade.