

## **Attention 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents** **Accelerated Math Pathway Information and Update**

As presented at the July 23, 2014 Evergreen School District Board meeting, the District has engaged in significant work to identify a viable pathway that accommodates both our parents' desire for an accelerated math pathway option and the District's needs to ensure that students identified as potential candidates for this pathway are able to be successful.

After initial implementation of integrated curriculum and continued collaboration with East Side High School District, an accelerated pathway has been identified that would allow current 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to take High School Integrated Math 1 (grade 9) as 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Students will be identified for placement in the accelerated pathway based upon three criteria; a score of *advanced on the 2013 Math CST, a score of 80% or greater on the 2014 Math Diagnostic Testing Project Assessment (MDTP)*, and an advanced score on an additional assessment to be given to students meeting the preliminary criteria in early November.

Students meeting the preliminary criteria (a score of *advanced on the 2013 Math CST, a score of 80% or greater on the 2014 Math Diagnostic Testing Project Assessment*) will be notified of the opportunity to take the third assessment via U.S. Mail. These notifications, with additional details, will be sent to families late in the week of October 27, 2014.

While the accelerated pathway is an opportunity for some students, it may not necessarily be a preferred pathway. Parents may opt to have their acceleration eligible student remain in the traditional sequence. It is important to remember that Common Core provides a structure of coherence and connections that facilitate deep connections with mathematical concepts. Students enrolled in the accelerated pathway will move very rapidly through a compacted curriculum.

Should you have any further questions, please contact you site principal. To learn more about East Side High School District's math pathways, please visit <http://www.esuhsd.org/Students--Parents/Common-Core-State-Standards/index.html>