

Requirements to Participate in Algebra I as an 8th Grader

<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Explanation</i>
<p align="center">"Orleans-Hanna Algebra I Prognosis Test, 3rd Edition"</p>	<p>Students must take the "Orleans-Hanna Algebra I Prognosis Test, 3rd Edition" exam during the spring of 7th grade.</p> <p>The exam will be administered by the 7th grade Math teacher.</p> <p>Students Must score a Minimum of an 80 on the test.</p>
<p align="center">Final Cumulative Math Grade</p>	<p>Students must earn a Final Cumulative grade in Math during their 7th grade year of an A or a B. This grade is comprised of all 4 quarters, the midterm, and the final grade.</p>
<p align="center">Behavior</p>	<p>Students must maintain good behavior throughout their 7th grade year.</p> <p>Any student who is Suspended out of school during his/her 7th grade year may be disqualified from Algebra I in 8th grade.</p> <p>If a student has more than one In-School Suspension, during 7th grade, he/she may be disqualified for Algebra I in 8th grade.</p>
<p align="center">7th grade Math Standardized Test</p>	<p>Students must earn a Minimum Score of Proficient on the 7th grade Math State Standardized Assessment.</p> <p>These scores will not be known until the state releases them to the school district. Once the scores are reported to the district, students will receive notification if they have met the final requirement to be in Algebra I.</p> <p>Scores will not be reported to the district until the summer following their 7th grade year.</p>

IMPORTANT ITEMS TO KNOW AND REMEMBER

When your student begins Algebra I in 8th grade, many responsibilities and high school requirements go along with that. Please read below for more information.

END OF COURSE EXAMS

- Any student who takes Algebra I in 8th grade will be responsible for taking the “End of Course” exam in the spring of that year. The End of Course exam points add up to give students enough points to graduate. The “End of Course” Exams replace the OGT as a graduation requirement.
- Students must earn a minimum of 4 points in Math out of the two Math “End of Course” exams.
- Students must earn a total of 18 points on all “End of Course” exams in order to graduate.
- For more information on End of Course Exams, please see <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-Graduation-Requirements/Graduation-Requirements-2018-and-Beyond/18-Points-on-State-Tests> .

GPA

Taking Algebra I will begin your student’s High School GPA. This course must/will be included in their GPA. Due to the fact that their GPA will begin with this course, information is provided below regarding Honors Diploma and Valedictorian/Salutatorian.

HONORS DIPLOMA

The following are requirements for an Honors Diploma: (**eight of the nine** criteria must be met).

1. four units of English
2. four units of mathematics that shall **include algebra I**, algebra II, geometry and another higher level course, or **complete a four-year sequence of courses** that contains equivalent content
3. four units of science including one unit of physics and one unit of chemistry
4. four units of social studies
5. either three units of one world languages (must include no less than two units for which credit is sought) or three units of one world language or two units of two different languages
6. one unit of fine arts
7. either one unit of business/technology and two additional units in (1) through (6) above or earn three additional units, in (a) through (f) above
8. maintain an **overall high school grade point average of at least 3.5** on a four-point scale up to the last grading period of the senior year
9. obtain a composite score of 27 on the American College Testing (ACT) tests or an equivalent composite score of 1210 on the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) with no regard for its new writing portion. (This maintains the two scores’ comparability as qualifying criteria)

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN (Class of 2018 and beyond)

The graduating Senior(s) having the highest (Valedictorian) and the second highest (Salutatorian) cumulative grade point average, based upon a 4.0 grading scale, and has completed any courses required by the Ohio Department of Education, the Lowellville Local Schools, and the following:

- 4 Credits of Language Arts, including Advanced II, III, IV
- **5 Credits of Math, including Calculus**
- 4 Credits of Science including, Physical Science, Biology, and Physics, and at least 1 of the following: Anatomy and Physiology or Chemistry (if Students were exempt from Physical Science they will need to take another science in place of it).
- 4 Credits of Social Studies, including World History, U.S. History, Government and Global/Economics.
- 3 Credits of 1 Foreign Language, or 2 Credits each of 2 foreign languages.

The College Credit Plus equivalent as determined by the Lowellville Local School district of any of the above course offerings shall be sufficient to satisfy any particular course requirement.

A graduating Senior shall have a **minimum of 28 course credits** to be eligible to be named Valedictorian or Salutatorian.

A student must enter Lowellville High School by their Junior Year and attend 4 consecutive semesters to be eligible for Valedictorian/Salutatorian.

Student Name _____

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EACH STUDENT WHO IS **ELIGIBLE**, AND **WANTS** TO PARTICIPATE IN ALGEBRA I, WILL HAVE A CHART (SEEN ABOVE) INDICATING WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE MET THE CRITERIA TO PARTICIPATE. ALL STUDENTS MUST MEET **ALL FOUR REQUIREMENTS** IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE. **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS** WILL BE MADE.

Please sign below indicating that you have read and understand all of the requirements/criteria for your student to participate in Algebra I in 8th grade. Tear off and return this page to the guidance department by _____.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____