



Sacramento  
City Unified  
School District

**Crocker/Riverside Elementary School**

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

This letter is to inform you of some significant changes to math placement for our incoming 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.

In consultation with our 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade teaching staff, as well as with the principal and a math instructor at California Middle School, we feel we are in a better position to meet our student's math needs here at Crocker/Riverside. As such, we will discontinue the math acceleration program which allowed some of our identified 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to take math at California Middle School. This discontinuance will apply starting with this year's incoming 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Those incoming 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders who are already in the math acceleration program will continue on that track.

There were several reasons that led to this decision, and this letter will focus on the two of them.

First, as a site-wide teaching staff, over the past two years and continuing into the future, much attention has been made to strengthening our math instruction. This additional attention includes a much more varied approach from an array of math curricula, including EnVision Math, Engage New York, and Silicon Valley Math Initiative. We are seeing positive results, including an increase in our school's overall state standardized math test scores this past school year.

Second, over the past few years, with the help of the school district, we have become better at identifying which students might be successful in the math acceleration program, with success being defined as continuing on an accelerated math track through middle and high school with high grades. Last year, we identified six students. Currently, we have only identified one incoming 4<sup>th</sup> grader, and additional testing would need to take place to see if that would hold. We believe we can have a greater impact on our students by giving them a deeper experience at their grade level, which will our students to be more successful in their math pursuits beyond C/R.

Thank you for your support as we continue on this educational journey together, with the goal of best meeting your student's unique current and future math needs.

Please give our office a call if you have any questions or concerns at (916) 395-4535.

Sincerely,

Daniel McCord  
Principal