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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We want to share important news about the Accelerated Placement Act, also known as Public Act 100-0421, which affects your student’s education in Illinois public schools. The goal of this law is to provide all students with an equal chance to access advanced courses during high school. This law is designed to make sure that high school students who perform exceptionally well on state standardized tests, including PSAT 9, PSAT 10, and the SAT are given the opportunity to take more challenging and advanced courses. Because the state transitioned from the SAT to the ACT as the required standardized test, we will use the practice ACT for freshmen and sophomores and the ACT for juniors to determine accelerated placement for the 26-27 school year.

If your student **meets or exceeds** the proficiency standards on these tests, **they will be automatically enrolled** in the most demanding math, science, English, and social studies classes at the next grade or course level. Parents/guardians can opt their student out of the advanced classes by completing this [Google form](#) or contacting your student’s counselor.

If your student **does not meet or exceed** the proficiency standards on the PSAT or SAT, **they can still choose to enroll** in the most demanding math, science, English, and social studies classes at the next grade or course level **during the course selection process.**

Mundelein High School Accelerated Courses

Core Class	Most Rigorous Class at the Next Level
Math	
Common Core 8th Grade Math	Algebra 1
Algebra 1	Honors Geometry
Geometry	Honors Algebra 2/Trig
Algebra 2	Pre-calculus
Algebra 2/Trig	AP Pre-Calc
Pre-Calculus	AP Calculus AB or BC, AP Statistics, AP Computer Science Principles
Science	
Earned Honors Biology	Honors Chemistry
Chemistry or Earth Science	Earned Honors Applied Science Principles, AP Environmental, AP Biology, Honors Anatomy, Honors Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Physics C
Physics or Physical Science	Earned Honors Applied Scientific Methods, AP Environmental Science, AP Biology, Honors Anatomy, Honors Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Physics C, or AP Physics 2

English	
Earned Honors English 1	Honors English 2
English 2	Honors English 3 or AP English Language
English 3	Dual Credit English Composition, AP English Language, AP English Literature, or Honors English 4
Social Studies	
Earned Honors World Studies	AP U.S. History
U.S. History	AP U.S. Government and/or AP Comparative Government
Government	AP Economics, AP Human Geography, AP European History, AP Psychology, AP Comparative Government

State Exams and Required Scores for Automatic Acceleration

Current 8th Graders	Current 9th Graders	Current 10th Graders	Current 11th Graders
<p>All 8th students will be enrolled in the most rigorous 9th-grade courses by taking Earned Honors Biology, Earned Honors English 1, and Earned Honors World Studies.</p> <p>Math for incoming 9th graders is determined by the math course taken in 8th grade, not their math test score. Students who took Algebra 1 in 8th grade will be enrolled in Honors Geometry. Students who took 8th-grade math will take Algebra 1 or Geometry Seminar</p>	<p>Spring IL Reading Assessment math and reading data from their 8th-grade year</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ELA: 750 Math: 750</p>	<p>PSAT 9 data from the spring of their 9th-grade year</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ELA: 410 Math: 450</p>	<p>PSAT 10 data from the spring of their 10th-grade year</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ELA: 430 Math: 480</p>

**Because course selection occurs before we have access to students' most recent scores, we must use state testing data from the year before.*

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at sgorman@d120.org or 847-949-2200 ext. 1592.

Sincerely,



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