

Board of Education Commitments Concerning Common Core

On May 28, 2014, the Board of Education discussed the multi-year implementation of Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for Mathematics, starting with new middle school math courses in 2014/15. The Board's decisions are summarized below.

1. Beginning in the 2014/15 school year, PMS will offer three new courses: *CC6*, *CC7* and *CC8*.
2. Students who were enrolled in *Intro to Algebra* through *Calculus AB* during the 2013/14 school year will continue in the 1997 California Math Standards pathways, with teachers embedding Common Core standards as appropriate.
3. During the multi-year transition to the CCSS and after implementation is completed, the District will:
 - a. continue to offer pathways to both *Calculus AB* and *BC*; and
 - b. offer at least one opportunity to “compress” math at the middle school level and at least one opportunity to compress math at the high school level (students could compress at either or both points).
4. The opportunities for compression and expansion of math curriculum standards will be determined in the 2014/15 school year for implementation in the 2015/16 school year. This will allow District staff to develop practical experience teaching the CCSS before the Board of Education considers how to compress and expand the new curriculum standards. The Board will start to consider options for compression and expansion pathways starting in January or February of 2015. At the same time, the Board will consider traditional versus integrated models for high school math.
5. All students entering 6th grade in the 2014/15 school year will be enrolled in *CC6*. Students who participated in Math Enrichment in 5th grade will be clustered in groups of 12 to 15 in the *CC6* classes. Although there will be no pathway to skip *CC6*, students entering 6th grade in the 2014/15 school year will have the opportunity to compress in middle school to complete Common Core Algebra 1 before entering high school.
6. All students who were enrolled in Math 6 during the 2013/14 school year will proceed to *CC7*.
7. Students who were enrolled in *Pre-Algebra* during the 2013/14 school year will proceed to *CC8*. If parents “opt out” of CCSS, their students may enroll in *Algebra I* instead of *CC8* and continue in the 1997 California Math Standards pathways through high school.