

CMS North FAQ's

Incoming 6th grade information

What are other options for PE if a child is taking support classes like MLI, ESL, or enrichment?

- *For learners who are in an extra support class, such as ESL, MLI, or a special education elective, decision about required courses (PE, fine arts course, Endorsement Explorations course) will be made in a case by case decision through the 504 committee, ARD committee, and LPAC.*
- *Students can enroll in the Off Campus PE program in order to get their PE requirement completed outside of the school day while still being able to take two electives here at North.*

Where can I find Off Campus PE information (ie: requirements, costs, etc...)

- *The OCPE application can be found on the CMS North website under Academics and then OCPE.*
- *Chip Lowery is the district PE teacher that oversees off-campus PE: clowery@coppellisd.com
Regina Owens oversees PE for the district: rowens@coppellisd.com*
- *The 2016 -2017 OCPE application is posted on the North website under Academics. Applications are not due until August 2016. OCPE payment can be made in August when the application is submitted or at Schedule Pick Up.*
- *If you are interested in OCPE please note this on your course selection sheet by writing OCPE down at the bottom of the electives portion. Please list if it is the 5 hour or 15 hour category.*
- *There are two categories of OCPE. Category 1 is 15 hours and does count towards an elective period. Students who participate in the 15 hour OCPE program get either 1st or 7th period off. The category 2 is 5 hours and does not count as an elective period. The 5 hour OCPE program shows up on the schedule as a zero period since it takes place completely outside of the school day, and you still have two electives to pick from while on campus.*

When can learners take an MSI (math and science investigations) or STEM (science technology engineering and math) course?

- *MSI is offered to our 7th graders*
- *STEM is offered to our 8th graders*

Questions about Double Block Math?

- *The state determines the TEKS (objectives) are to be covered during each grade level math class. The amount of TEKS that have to be covered in 6th grade math have increase, therefore CISD has decided to offer a double block math class to ensure that teachers have the time needed to cover the material at a rigorous level and go in depth with the amount of required objectives.*
- *The double block math class does not mean more work or more homework to bring home. Having two periods of math will allow students to apply what they learn in class*

How are you going to accommodate and meet the needs of students in the on level classes, and ensure that they are challenged, since there is not a Honors classes offered?

- *Honors classes are offered for Language Arts in 6th grade.*
- *Math, science, and social studies courses are offered on level or GT for 6th graders.*
- *Students must have qualified for and currently be in the GT program in order to be in GT courses.*
- *North Educators, in all classes both on level and GT, differentiate to meet the needs of all learners in their classrooms.*

Can you highlight the difference between the GT 7th grade accelerated math course and the 7th grade accelerated math course?

- *As is the case with all of our Gifted and Talented classes, this class is taught with the gifted learner's needs in mind. The GT course will go into more depth and complexity than the 7th grade accelerated course. The GT course will include a lot of self-directed learning, critical thinking, and communication. The learners will have the opportunity to use their creativity when demonstrating knowledge of material. .*

Can you highlight the difference between the 7th grade accelerated math course and the on level 7th grade math course?

- *The major difference between the two courses is that the 7th grade course option will cover the TEKS assigned to 7th grade, while the 7th grade accelerated course will be covering the TEKS from both 7th grade and approximately 90% of the 8th grade TEKS. The accelerated course will essentially cover two years of material in one year in order for the learner to be prepared to take Algebra 1 for a high school credit at the middle school level. The 7th grade accelerated course will move at a very fast pace due to the large number of TEKS being covered. You can view the grade specific TEKS below.*
- *<http://tinyurl.com/7gradeTEKS> will direct you to the link of all the 7th grade TEKS being taught next year.*
- *<http://tinyurl.com/8gradeTEKS> will direct you to the link of all the 8th grade TEKS being taught next year.*

Does the 7th grade accelerated math course qualify them for Algebra 1 in 8th grade?

- *Yes, if a learner signs up, passes and completes the 7th grade accelerated course, he/she will be eligible to enroll in Honors Algebra 1 in 8th grade.*

If my 6th grader passes the CBE then what math will they take?

Until official CBE scores are sent to Middle School campuses, please sign up for 6th grade math classes. Once CBE scores are sent to CMS North by the district then 6th grade learners will be placed in 7th grade accelerated math courses. This will allow for an additional elective for a 6th grader.

Where can I find the Credit By Exam (CBE) information?

Information about math acceleration testing, including test content, test dates, and applications is posted on the Coppell ISD Website at: <http://www.coppellisd.com/Page/11112>

Math Acceleration Without Prior Instruction (Grades 5-6)

Math Acceleration testing is for students entering 6th grade and wishing to enroll in 7th grade accelerated math or students entering 7th grade who wish to enter Algebra I for their 7th grade year.

Although there is no study guide, parents/learners may access the Texas Education Agency's [website](#) to view the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) covered in the exams.

- For 5th graders desiring to enroll in 7th grade accelerated math, the exam covers the 6th grade math TEKS.
- For 6th graders desiring to enroll in Algebra I during their 7th grade year, the exam covers both the 7th and 8th grade TEKS.

For placement decisions for the 2016-2017 school year, please see the testing schedule for registration deadlines and testing dates. For registration, please see your child's counselor.

2016 Upcoming Testing Dates for Credit By Exam:

Testing Date	Registration Deadline Date
May 17th or 31st	April 2st
June 6th or 7th	June 3rd

Questions about Course Registration can be directed to your Elementary Counselors or North Counselors.

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