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Dear Families of 6th Grade Students,

To provide equitable access to advanced courses, each spring, SCUSD universally screens 6th grade students for advanced course placement in middle school. Advanced courses are available in math, science, language arts and history/social studies starting in 7th grade. All students have the opportunity to qualify for any or all advanced courses, through district-wide placement criteria.

To facilitate this data-based recommendation process, for entry into each course we will consider:

	Advanced ELA & History/Social Studies	Advanced Science	Compacted Math 7/8
Elementary GATE ID	✓	✓	
6th grade SBAC scores	✓	✓	
5th grade CAST score		✓	
District Math Placement Assessment Results			✓
6th grade report card scores	✓	✓	✓
Recommendation Form	✓	✓	✓

Your student will take the district math placement assessment between April 15 and April 26 with their 6th grade math teacher. The assessment is computer-based and consists of two parts: 1) multiple choice questions, and 2) open-ended tasks that require students to apply 6th grade math concepts and explain their thinking.

To recommend a student for any of the advanced middle school courses, please submit the online Recommendation Form by May 31, 2024 at: tinyurl.com/SCUSDAvCourses. The Recommendation Form may be submitted by a parent/guardian, teacher, or administrator.

Course placement recommendations for the 2024-25 school year will be available to school administrators in mid-June. Families can view their students' schedule in Infinite Campus once available, or contact the school to confirm placement.

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To learn more about SCUSD Middle School Advanced Courses, scan the QR code below, or visit: bit.ly/3VgQFaS