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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Beginning Fall 2023, the Georgia Department of Education will retire the Georgia Standards of Excellence for Mathematics and will implement Georgia's K-12 Mathematics Standards. The new standards are designed to help learners achieve a balance among concepts, skills, and problem solving, while providing clear expectations for curriculum, instruction, assessment, and student work. The standards stress rigorous concept development and real-world applications while maintaining a strong emphasis on computational and procedural skills. At all grades, the standards encourage students to reason mathematically, to evaluate mathematical arguments both formally and informally, to use the language of mathematics to communicate ideas and information precisely, and to make connections among mathematical topics and to other disciplines.

For students in grades 6-8, Fulton County's Enhanced Math courses will continue to provide an opportunity for students to enroll in Algebra in grade 8. Further, the change in the state acceleration model now provides additional opportunities for acceleration. Please see the attached pathway documents as well as the 2023-2024 Initial Placement Guidelines to determine course placement recommendations for next year and pathways going forward.

Rest assured your student will receive any additional instruction needed to transition to the new standards. Next year's instruction will include specific transition content at each grade level to ensure the seamless continuance of building a strong foundation.

Please visit our website to view the videos from the GaDOE about Georgia's K-12 Math Standards, and Fulton's Mathematics Department detailing our local implementation plans and math pathway guidance.
<https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/26474>.

Sincerely,

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