

# Pathways to Success 2007-2008

## What Parents Need to Know

Mathematics is used to understand and interpret our world. In the global economy of the 21st century, those who can understand and apply mathematics have more opportunities to achieve success in higher education, the world of work, and life.

Maryland graduation requirements include 4 credits in mathematics, including Algebra 1, Geometry, and two additional math courses such as Algebra 2, precalculus, and/or statistics.

Parents need to monitor their children's progress in math to make sure they are taking the most challenging courses. The graphic in this brochure helps with just that. Parents can "chart a path" for their students that will get them to the level they need to achieve by the end of Grade 12. There are a few things that you should know:

- There are many different paths that students can take. Some of the possible paths are shown on the chart. Your child's teacher and counselor can help you determine the best course sequence.
- Acceleration can occur at various times throughout a student's mathematics studies. These accelerated pathways are designated on the chart with a broken red arrow. This acceleration does not mean that the student "skips" a course. For example, when the broken red arrow shows a path that takes a student from Math 2 in Grade 2 to Math 4 in Grade 3, this means that the student has mastered the content of both Math 2 and Math 3 in Grade 2 before moving into Math 4 in the next grade. A child must demonstrate proficiency in the content of a course, as determined by performance on the assessments.
- The school system's objective is to prepare all students to be successful after high school—in college, other postsecondary studies, and the world of work. This chart will help you monitor your child's math progress and keep him/her on track for the future.

For more  
information,  
please call your  
child's school.

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### Understanding Your Child's Course Options in Mathematics



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