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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Effective with the 2009 -2010 school year we are excited to announce the first opportunity for an eighth grade Algebra I student to earn high school credit for this course. Currently, a student must have three math credits to graduate from Smith Cotton High School. Many four year institutions, however, require students to earn four math credits in high school, with Algebra I being the lowest level accepted.

To make sure our students are ready for Algebra I at the eighth grade level, we have set four criteria; students must meet a minimum of three to be accepted. The criteria are:

1. Proficient or advanced score on the previous year's math MAP test
2. Score 80% or higher in their seventh grade math class
3. Score 80% or higher on the Basic Skills Entrance exam
4. Teacher recommendation

In an effort to look out for the best interest of our students and their future GPA (grade point average), those enrolled in eighth grade Algebra I must earn an A or a B (a minimum of 80%) in order to earn the high school math credit. This will allow the weaker performing students to strengthen their understanding of Algebra before moving to higher levels of math without being penalized on their high school transcript.

Students who receive an A or B (a minimum of 80%) will then be required to enroll in Geometry at the ninth grade the following year.

Students scoring less than 80% will be required to re-take Algebra I in ninth grade. Once in ninth grade, the score they earn in Algebra I will be placed on their transcript.

There is a parent appeals process for students who do not meet the criteria, but who score 78% or higher on the Basic Skills Exam or who have a 78% class grade in their current math class. Please contact your child's counselor for further details if you wish to appeal: Jackie Lollis at 829- 6565/829-6329.

Sincerely,

Carla Wheeler

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