

GRAPEVINE COLLEYVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXAMINATIONS FOR ACCELERATION: MATH TELESCOPING GRADES K-7

Students currently enrolled in the District in grades K through 7, who consistently exhibit both process and critical thinking skills beyond the norm, will be eligible to accelerate in math beyond their enrolled grade level. Students should also exhibit mathematical skills beyond rote memorization or basic computation. Participation in the Examination for Acceleration program is **not required and is not for everyone**. Parents should refer to **“Is Math Telescoping Right For My Child?”** (included in this packet) for additional factors to consider.

Recommended Academic criteria include:

- **Achievement (iStation) 95th percentile**
- **Aptitude (CogAT) 120+**
- **Mathematics grade average 95+**

Because the acceleration process involves “skipping” classroom instruction for a grade level or course, students must demonstrate mastery of the math content above their current grade level and for which s/he has **not** received any formal classroom instruction. Mastery is determined by meeting the district criterion on a state-approved exam chosen by the district. Students have the opportunity to be tested in the spring and/or the summer of each school year. Students who test in the spring that do not meet the criteria may submit another Online Registration Form and exam fee for the summer exam date. Students in elementary grades K through 5 must score 90% or higher on the exam(s) to be considered for mathematics telescoping. Students in grades 6 through 7 must score 80% or higher on the exam(s) to be considered for mathematics telescoping.

Online Registration Forms must be completed and **Exam Fee(s)** must be submitted by the posted Registration Deadline for each exam date. The **Online Registration Form** will become unavailable after the Registration Deadline and no new registrations will be accepted. **No exceptions will be granted.**

The scheduled dates for the Math Telescoping Examinations for students enrolled in GCISD, in grades K through 7, will be published in appropriate district publications and on the district’s website. Math Telescoping Examinations will be administered at a GCISD facility with staff members present each of the testing days. GCISD does not provide transportation to the testing site. Students will be required to pay the current rate for each required math exam to be ordered from the University of Texas-Austin. Parents should also contact the campus administration regarding math telescoping for their student.

Important Notes

- **Students who have completed the 7th grade Accelerated math course** and want to enroll in Geometry or beyond are **not included** in the Math Telescoping Process. Middle school students who want to accelerate to a high school math course **must** follow the procedures established for **Credit by Examination, Grades 6 - 12**.
- **Credit by Examination, Grades 6 - 12** is a separate process from Math Telescoping because it involves credit for high school courses. CBE’s have separate administration dates, and the completed registration form must be given to a school counselor for approval. Registration packets for CBE’s are available on the Assessment & Accountability Department page on the District’s website.
- **For students new to the district** (moving in after the summer telescoping exam administration), campus teachers will partner with the Math Department to provide enrichment and extension opportunities within the classroom. Differentiated classroom instruction will be provided for students until the spring telescoping exam administration.

- **Exam fee(s)** will become non-refundable the day after the posted registration deadlines and the exam order is placed with UT-Austin.
- **A reminder letter** with dates, times, and information about the testing location will be mailed to each student during the week prior to the exam date.
- **All supplies**, including calculators, will be provided for students to complete the exams. No outside calculators will be allowed.
- **Each exam is timed** and **must** be taken in one continuous session. The maximum time allowed for **each exam** is 3 hours. Students complete the exams at their own individual pace and will be able to leave when finished.
- **Exams for 1st and 2nd grade must be given orally.** Proctors will read the questions and students will mark their answers in the test booklet. Proctors will transcribe their answers to a computer graded answer sheet for scoring by the UT-Austin Testing Center.
- **Students taking 2 exams will be given a break after finishing the first exam.** They can choose to bring a snack or sack lunch to have during this break. Students **will not** be permitted to leave the testing location between exams. Students will begin their 2nd exam when they are ready.
- **Each exam date represents a separate exam administration.** Online Registration forms and exam fees must be submitted for each exam administration. Students who test in the Spring and do not meet the passing criteria may submit another Online Registration form and exam fee for the Summer exam date or go through the Appeal process after the Summer exam administration.
- **Students may take an examination for acceleration no more than twice.** If the designated score is not achieved by 2 attempts, the student must complete the course. The same math examination is used for math telescoping and grade acceleration with only 2 attempts allowed. (TEC 74.24)
- **There is an appeal process conducted by the Math Department.** Students must have scored at least **80%** on the telescoping exam to be considered for an appeal. Please also consider the additional criteria on the **Appeal Request Form** which will be posted after the Spring exam date.
- **These examinations are the property of UT-Austin** and you will not receive information about objectives or skills missed or allowed to see a copy of the examination.
- **Study Guides** are available for these exams on the University of Texas-Austin website. A direct link to the UT-Austin website has been provided on the Assessment & Accountability department page of the District's website. These study guides will provide information about the number and the type of questions on each exam. However, they are not intended to provide detailed content for students to study or practice questions for preparation. Information included in the study guides about supplies needed for the exam day are only for those students testing at the UT Testing Center in Austin.
- **Parents and campus administrators will be notified of the results approximately 2-3 weeks of testing.** Parents will receive a letter in the mail from the **Math Department**. *Exam results may not be given out over the telephone or via email due to privacy requirements.*

MATH TELESCOPING, GRADES K – 7

PROCEDURES FOR THE TWO STEP ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Registration to take a Math Telescoping Examination is a **TWO STEP Online Registration Process**. Both steps must be completed by the posted deadlines for students to participate. Dates for the Math Telescoping Examinations during the **2018-2019** school year are:

Spring: Saturday, April 27, 2019, 9:00 am

Summer: Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 9:00 am

STEP ONE - Submit a completed **Online Registration Form**.

1. Parents should select the link for **TWO STEP Math Telescoping Online Registration** on the Assessment Department webpage. After reading the instructions at the beginning of the **Online Registration Form**, parents need to view the video **"GCISD Math Acceleration 2019"** before beginning to complete the form.
2. After viewing the video, parents should refer to the **Math Telescoping Crosswalk**, included with this information packet, to determine if their child will be required to take 1 or 2 exams.
3. Parents will then complete the **Math Telescoping Online Registration Form**. The **Online Registration Form** must be completed in its entirety and submitted prior to the posted deadline. Incomplete registrations will not be considered.
4. You will receive an email with the **Online Registration Confirmation** (with the location of testing) after you have completed **STEP ONE** of the registration process. Print this email confirmation out. The **Online Registration Confirmation** will be used to complete **STEP TWO**.

STEP TWO - Submit the required **Exam Fee(s)** and **Online Registration Confirmation**.

1. There is a fee of \$25.00 for **each** Math Telescoping exam ordered from UT-Austin. Checks should be payable to **GCISD** and meet the conditions of the GCISD Check Acceptance Policy (included with this information packet). Print the **Online Registration Confirmation** and attach your **Exam Fee** payment to it. The **Online Registration Confirmation** must be included with your check to insure that the **Exam Fee** is applied to the correct student. Submit both confirmation email and check to the address below.
2. There is a fee exception for those students who qualify for free / reduced services. Please enter a **check mark** on the **Online Registration Confirmation** to request this exception and submit to the address below.
3. The **Exam Fee(s)** and the **Online Registration Confirmation** must be mailed or delivered to the address below by the **Exam Fee Deadline** for each exam administration. **No exceptions will be granted.**

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Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM / Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Summer Hours: Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM - 5:15 PM / Closed Fridays

Is Math Telescoping Right for My Child?

Telescoping is a process through which a student may accelerate in math beyond their enrolled grade level.

Academic Factors to Consider:

A student who consistently exhibits both process and critical thinking skills beyond the norm would be a strong candidate to consider for telescoping. Also, students should exhibit mathematical skills beyond rote memorization or basic computation.

- Recommended criteria include:
 - Achievement (iStation) 95th percentile
 - Aptitude (CogAT) 120+
 - Mathematics grade average 95+

Additional Factors to Consider:

- My child deals well with change.
- My child enjoys being challenged.
- My child is comfortable working with students older than his/her age.
- My child is comfortable leaving his/her classroom/campus environment and entering a new classroom/campus.
- My child *desires* to be telescoped.
- My child is comfortable asking for help from the teacher when necessary.
- My child has strong academic behaviors, including organization, time management, and collaboration with others.
- My child has a maturity level that would allow for him/her to be successful with above conditions/factors.

MATH TELESCOPING CROSSWALK – 2018-2019

This crosswalk will show you which exam(s) your child will need to take.

1. **STEP ONE:** Choose your child's 2018-19 current/completed grade level or current/completed Math class. (See green Column One.)
2. **STEP TWO:** What Math class do you wish your child to be in for the 2019-2020 school year? (See yellow Row One.)
3. **STEP THREE:** The white square shows the exam(s) your child will take, where the current/completed grade level or current/completed Math class meets the desired Math class. (See blue Row Three.)

The current rate of **\$25.00** for each exam we order from UT-Austin is also listed in the white square. Seventh grade exam for 5th grade students and Algebra I exam for 6th Accelerated students require **2 exams at \$25.00 each for a total of \$50.00**.

EXAMPLE: My child is currently enrolled (or just completed) Kindergarten Math for the 2018-2019 school year. I request my child to be in 2nd Grade Math for the 2019-2020 school year. Therefore, my child will take the 1st Grade Math Exam for \$25.00.

(Column One) STEP ONE: Choose your child's 2018-2019 current/completed grade level <u>or</u> current/completed Math Class	(Row One) STEP TWO: What Math class do you wish your child to be in for the 2019-2020 school year?						
	Second Grade Math	Third Grade Math	Fourth Grade Math	Fifth Grade Math	Sixth Grade Accelerated Math	Seventh Grade Accelerated Math	Algebra I
	(Row Three) STEP THREE: The white square below shows the exam(s) your child will take, where the current/completed grade level <u>or</u> current/completed Math class meets the desired Math class.						
Kindergarten	1st Grade Math Exam \$25.00						
First Grade		2nd Grade Math Exam \$25.00					
Second Grade			3rd Grade Math Exam \$25.00				
Third Grade				4th Grade Math Exam \$25.00			
Fourth Grade					5th Grade Math Exam \$25.00		
Fifth Grade (2 Exams Required)						6th & 7th Grade Math Exams \$50.00 (2)	
Sixth Grade Regular or PAP Math						7th Grade Math Exam \$25.00	
Sixth Grade Accelerated Math (2 Exams Required)							7th & 8th Grade Math Exams \$50.00 (2)
Seventh Grade Regular or PAP Math							8th Grade Math Exam \$25.00

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Check Acceptance Policy

The District will accept personal checks for payment when presented under the following conditions:

- All checks are commercially printed and numbered
- Checks should be written using blue or black ink
- Checks include:
 - Name, address, and telephone number
 - Current date
 - Student name and ID number

The District will not accept:

- Checks without a preprinted name and address (no counter checks/starter checks/temporary checks)
- Checks with an expiration date (credit card account checks)
- Pre or Postdated checks

A person writing a check to the District agrees that, if the check is returned for any reason, that it may be represented electronically on the same account. The fee established by law, in addition to the face value, may be debited from the same account. These fees, as permitted by state law, may be debited as a paper draft or an electronic funds transfer, at the District's discretion.

Specifically, per Texas Business & Commerce Code Annotated § 3.506, the service fee for returned checks is \$30. Each dishonored item is subject to the applicable state returned check fees plus sales tax. (Note that the fee structure will be adjusted accordingly for any amendments to Texas state law.)

Returned checks are sent to Paytek. To inquire about a returned check please contact Paytek directly at 1-800-641-9998.

The use of a check for payment to the District is acknowledgement and acceptance of this policy and its terms.