

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: (AimsWebPlus) 95th percentile**
- **Aptitude: (CogAT) 120+ or 90th percentile**
- **Mathematics grade average: All 3s in math SBRC (Gr K-4) or 95+ (Gr 5-7)**

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 paid online** by the posted Registration Deadline for each exam date. The **Online Registration Form and Payment Link** will become unavailable after the Registration Deadline and no new registrations or payments 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. The **“Paper”** 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. **Online Proctorio** exams are to be taken from home. 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 email** with dates, times, and information about the testing, including location, will be emailed to each student/parent during the week prior to the exam date.
- **All supplies for “Paper” exams**, including calculators, will be provided for students to complete the exams. No outside calculators will be allowed at the GCISD exam location. For students needing calculators for the home Online Proctorio exams, please contact GCISD Math Dept. Courtney.Gatewood@gcisd.net a week or two prior to testing.
- **Each exam is timed** and **must** be taken in one continuous session. The maximum time allowed for **each exam** is 3hours. 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.** These **Paper** exams will be administered at the GCISD location. 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. **No Online exams for 1st & 2nd grade level math exams allowed.**
- **Students taking two exams online will be sent two exam links from UTHS, one for each test.** If students are opting for paper testing, students will need to sign up for two different times to test at the GCISD location. Only one paper exam can be given at a time. Go to our website to view technical specifications for online testing on the GCISD website - [Students - Acceleration Exams - Math Telescoping Exams-Grades K-7 - Online Math Acceleration Testing Information](#)
- **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 First Summer 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.*

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MATH TELESCOPING, GRADES K – 7

PROCEDURES FOR THE ONLINE REGISTRATION AND ONLINE PAYMENT PROCESS

Registration to take a Math Telescoping Examination is an **Online Registration and Online Payment Process**. Both Registration and Payment must be completed by the posted deadlines for students to participate. Dates for the Math Telescoping Examinations during the **2020-2021** school year are:

June Testing Windows:

Online: June 7-17, 2021
Paper: June 7-10, 2021

July Testing Windows:

Online: July 19-29, 2021
Paper: July 19-22, 2021

Complete the **Online Registration Form**.

1. Parents should select the link for **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 2021"** 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, along with the **Online Payment link** and submit both prior to the posted deadline. **Incomplete registrations and non-payment will not be considered.**
4. You will receive an email after submitting the **Online Registration and Online Payment** (with the location of testing) after you have completed the registration and payment process.

Exam Fee(s)

1. There is a fee of **\$30.00 for each "PAPER"** Math Telescoping exam and **\$40.00 for each "Online Proctorio" exam** ordered from UT-Austin. **All payments are to be made online at the end of the registration form. A link for the online payment will be provided.**
2. There is a fee exception for those students who qualify for free / reduced services. Please contact the Assessment Department., lisar.morton@gcisd.net, with any questions.

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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: (AimsWebPlus) 95th percentile
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Additional Factors to Consider:

- My child deals well with change.
- My child enjoys being challenged.
- My child enjoys helping peers learn mathematics.
- 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 – 2020-2021

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

1. **STEP ONE:** Choose your child's 2020-2021 current/completed Math class. (See green Column One.)
2. **STEP TWO:** What Math class do you wish your child to be in for the 2021-2022 school year? (See yellow Row One.)
3. **STEP THREE:** The white square shows the exam(s) your child will take, where the current/completed Math class meets the desired Math class. (See blue Row Three.)

The current rate of **\$30.00(Paper) \$40.00(Online) 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 \$30.00-\$40.00 each for a total of \$60.00- \$80.00.**

EXAMPLE: My child is currently enrolled (or just completed) Kindergarten Math for the 2020-2021 school year. I request my child to be in 2nd Grade Math for the 2021-2022 school year. Therefore, my child will take the 1st Grade Math Exam for \$30.00.

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	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 Math class meets the desired Math class.							
Kindergarten	1st Grade Math Exam <u>Paper Only</u> \$30.00						
First Grade		2nd Grade Math Exam <u>Paper Only</u> \$30.00					
Second Grade			3rd Grade Math Exam \$30.00-\$40.00				
Third Grade				4th Grade Math Exam \$30.00-\$40.00			
Fourth Grade					5th Grade Math Exam \$30.00-\$40.00		
Fifth Grade (2 Exams Required)						6th & 7th Grade (2) Math Exams \$60.00-\$80.00 TOTAL	
Sixth Grade Regular or PAP Math						7th Grade Math Exam \$30.00-\$40.00	
Sixth Grade Accelerated Math (2 Exams Required)							7th & 8th Grade (2) Math Exams \$60.00-\$80.00 TOTAL
Seventh Grade Regular or PAP Math							8th Grade Math Exam \$30.00-\$40.00

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