



MCMATH'S MATH 8/9 PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE MATH 8/9 PROGRAM?

The Math 8/9 program is a fast-paced course that covers both the Math 8 and Math 9 curriculum in one semester. Students need to be able to handle the quick-paced nature of the course, have strong work habits, and a strong mathematical understanding of basic math skills. Following the completion of this course, students will take Math 10 Foundations and PreCalculus (assuming a proficient mark was obtained). This course allows students to work ahead with the intent that in their grade 12 year they would take AP Calculus or another course.

Each year, 30 students are selected to be in the Math 8/9 course. Applicants need to write an entrance exam at McMath Secondary.

ENTRANCE EXAM DATES:

February 26th, 2025 (3:30pm - 4:45pm*)
for students from Byng, Diefenbaker, Dixon, and Steves.

February 27th, 2025 (3:30pm - 4:45pm*)
for students from Gilmore, Homma, Westwind and other schools.

*Some students will finish before this scheduled end time. Please do not arrive before 3:15pm.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What should I bring to the exam?
Please bring a pencil and an eraser. No calculators will be permitted during the exam.

How do I prepare for the exam?
Students may find that working on Grade 7 Gauss contests would help practice their logical reasoning and communication skills.

When and how will I find out if I got in to the Math 8/9 Program?
Once all the students have written the exam, we check teacher recommendations and then select 30 students. This process takes time so please be patient. Students will find out by email if they have been accepted to the program or not. If they have not been selected, they will be enrolled in Math 8 for the 2025-26 year. We do not share the individual marks or student rankings.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!

