



# Corte Madera School

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## **CMS Middle School Math Pathways**

At Corte Madera School, we offer three different math pathways in grades 6-8 that meet the demands of the California Common Core Standards and take into consideration a child's academic and emotional readiness. We recognize that students develop an interest and strength in mathematics throughout their middle school experience, therefore it is possible for students to move within these pathways at different grade levels and sometimes within a school year.

In 5th grade, all students are given a series of assessments in the spring to determine initial math placement for 6th grade. In addition to these assessments, teacher recommendation and SBAC scores will also be taken into consideration.

Starting in 6th grade, students are placed in one of three pathways: Regular (often referred to as grade level), Compacted (grade level plus additional challenge), and Advanced (which compacts multiple grade levels of math in one year). We use the Big Ideas Math Curriculum along with additional supplemental materials to support our math program.

Please refer to our [CMS Math Pathways chart](#).

At the conclusion of 6th and 7th Grade, students are again given end of the year assessments and placement exams to determine whether there was a significant growth or decline during the year and a new math placement is needed. Placement from year to year is fluid. Over the summer, students may need to review math concepts or complete additional chapters if advancement is suggested.

We ask that parents trust the Math Department and teacher's' experience, expertise and analysis of data and recommendations when determining a student's math placement. We are focused on meeting the needs of every student and applying an appropriate amount of challenge and support without overstressing the child. There is plenty of opportunity to advance and accelerate in later years and by doing so, we help eliminate the risk of creating fundamental gaps in a student's math education.

We are also attaching a link to the [Woodside High School Math Pathways](#) so you can see the variety of options for math at the high school level.

We are always happy to discuss pathway options for your child as they transition through our middle school math program.





