



Fort Lee Public Schools

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Dear 6th and 7th Grade Parents and Guardians,

Lewis F. Cole Middle School will once again offer its summer math program. Pre-Algebra Honors and Algebra 1 Honors will be offered respectively for incoming 7th and 8th graders. This will provide your child with the opportunity to advance to the next course level in math. Parameters for the program are listed below and we will now begin accepting applications at the middle school's main office. Please note that there are strict requirements for acceptance into this program and not all students will qualify. Acceptance and advancement specifics are as follows:

Current Grade 6 Students

1. Students will be permitted to take Pre-Algebra Honors over the summer to advance to Algebra 1 Honors in Grade 7.
2. This course will only be offered to students who meet two criteria: 6th Grade Math Grade of 93 or above at the end of Marking Period 3 and 6th Grade Teacher Recommendation. Only the first 25 students who meet this criteria and apply will be accepted. The class size will not exceed 25 students.
3. The final summer course average and the final standardized course assessment will be averaged equally. A student's overall average for both criteria must be 93 or above for that student to advance to Algebra 1 Honors as a 7th grader.
4. Students who meet the criteria above and cannot attend the summer program will be placed automatically in Pre-Algebra Honors with the opportunity to test into Algebra 1 Honors in the beginning of September.
5. The summer course is not mandatory for advancement. All students placed in Pre-Algebra Honors after Grade 6 will have the opportunity to take the standardized assessment in September for advancement into Algebra 1 Honors as a 7th grader. However, your child risks taking the Algebra 1 Honors qualification assessment without summer preparation. Please speak to your child's 6th grade teacher regarding his/her recommended math placement in 7th grade.

Current Grade 7 Students

1. Students will be permitted to take Algebra 1 Honors over the summer to advance to Geometry Honors in Grade 8.
2. This course will only be offered to students who are currently taking Pre-Algebra Honors in Grade 7 and possess a course grade of 93 or above at the end of Marking Period 3.
3. The final summer course average and the final standardized course assessment will be averaged equally. A student's overall average for both criteria must be 93 or above for that student to advance to Geometry Honors as an 8th grader.
4. Students not currently enrolled in Pre-Algebra Honors can appeal for admittance into the summer program with a current 7th grade Pre-Algebra course grade of 95 or higher.
5. Students taking Algebra 1 Honors in the summer must sit for the Algebra 1 PARCC as per a mandate from the New Jersey Department of Education. This will take place on two mornings during the week of July 24 or July 31.

PROGRAM LOGISTICS:

- *The program will be held at Lewis F. Cole Middle School and classrooms will be air-conditioned.
- *Students must bring lunch and snacks each day. Please keep snacks and meals healthy.
- *This program is specifically designed for course advancement and only includes current 6th and 7th graders for enrollment.
- *In-District students will be given first priority and out-of-district students will be allowed to fill any remaining slots.
- *In-District students will be charged \$650 and Out-of-District students will be charged \$800. Checks can be made payable to Fort Lee Board of Education and submitted with the application in the middle school's main office.
- *Courses will run for 27 instructional days, Thursday, July 6 to Friday, August 11 for six hours each day and hours for the program are 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Full attendance for the entire program is mandatory. Please do not apply if you have vacations planned.
- *Daily schedule includes 30 minutes for lunch and two 15-minute breaks each day.
- *The deadline for applications is strictly Friday, April 21 at 3:00 p.m. Final roster determinations will be made on or before April 24. A letter will be mailed home after April 24 indicating your child's roster status.

**Please e-mail Lewis F. Cole Middle School Principal Mr. Daniello for any additional questions. (rdaniello@flboe.com)

I wish for my child to be enrolled in the LFCMS Summer Math Program. I am attaching a check or money order for \$650 (in-district student) or \$800 (out-of-district student) made payable to Fort Lee Board of Education. Students who do not qualify will have checks or money orders returned.

Child's Name _____ Current Grade and School _____

Parent/Guardian Name and Signature _____