

# Mohonasen CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians -

The mathematics and science programs at Draper Middle School are comprehensive and challenging, affording students the opportunity to prepare themselves for the many upper-level courses offered at Mohonasen High School. One such opportunity for students is enrollment in the accelerated mathematics and science pathways. The goal of these accelerated pathways is to prepare students to achieve mastery on the Algebra I and Living Environment Regents exams in eighth grade.

Although we encourage students to challenge themselves academically, it is also important that students are enrolled in the appropriate course. Students that have not participated in the accelerated mathematics and science pathways in the past, but would like to enroll for the 2021-2022 school year, must demonstrate proficient understanding of concepts from the accelerated pathways. Students must successfully complete an exam in order to demonstrate their understanding of these concepts and challenge for enrollment in either of the accelerated pathways.

The challenge exam process runs separately from the Draper acceleration process. Students that want to enroll in an accelerated pathway, and are not currently enrolled in a pathway, must register to complete a challenge exam and must also register to enroll in an accelerated course. Registration for challenge exams will begin on Monday (3/15/2021) and end on Friday (3/26/2021), while registration for accelerated courses will begin on Monday (4/12/2021) and end on Friday (4/23/2021). Accelerated course registration will be communicated at a later date.

Students are required to register for the challenge exam process using a Google Form and will need to use their Mohonasen account credentials to gain access. Students can register for both the mathematics and science challenge exams, or for only one of the challenge exams, depending on their desire to be in one or both of the accelerated pathways.

The Google Form can be found here: <https://forms.gle/iS83ANeCJTxsJKQc8>

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By registering, students are automatically enrolled to take their respective challenge exam on the date(s) listed on the Google Form. Registration for the challenge exam must be completed by Friday, March 26, 2021. Students will receive a letter reminding them of their chosen test date(s) at the beginning of June along with additional testing process information. Challenge exams will be held in person at Draper Middle School.

Once registered, students will receive information regarding joining a Google Classroom. Study information and resources will be available in the Google Classroom that will help students prepare for their respective challenge exam(s). Access codes to the Google Classroom will be provided by email to the student and the parent by April 1, 2021. The Google Classroom should not be considered the only resource a student can use in preparation for the challenge exam(s).

Although many students aspire to high academic standards and would like to take advantage of all our academic programs, our first priority is appropriate academic placement for each student. It should be noted that even without participating in the accelerated pathways, students with a strong academic record have the opportunity to pursue multiple electives in mathematics and science throughout high school including college-level and AP classes.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and the Mohonasen mathematics and science programs. If you have any questions about the acceleration process, or the challenge exams, please do not hesitate to contact me at (518) 356 - 8254 or [mhubbell@mohonasen.org](mailto:mhubbell@mohonasen.org).

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