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Section 8-1.1:2. Annual notification to parents of Advanced or Accelerated Mathematics for students in grades five through eight; Automatic Enrollment and Parental Opt-Out Option; Eligibility other than automatic enrollment. A. – The parents of each student in grades five through eight is notified annually of the following:

- (1) Criteria and process for enrollment in advanced or accelerated mathematics, including automatic enrollment and parental opt-out, as set forth in this policy;
- (2) The importance of middle school mathematics coursework;
- (3) The impact of middle school mathematics coursework on the high school mathematics coursework sequence; and
- (4) The mathematics courses available within the Suffolk Public Schools division.

B. Students in grades five through eight who earn a grade-level upper quartile scale score on the end-of-year Standards of Learning mathematics assessments will be automatically enrolled in an available advanced or accelerated mathematics course in the next school year. Parents of such a student may opt-out their student from such automatic enrollment.

C. Besides the automatic enrollment option referenced above, students may be eligible for enrollment in an available advanced or accelerated mathematics course upon teacher recommendation, parental recommendation, student preference, or student aptitude as demonstrated through other means of evaluation than the Standards of Learning mathematics assessment, such as grades, other standardized testing, portfolios, or observation.

Legal Authority – Virginia Code §§ 22.1-207.9, 22.1-253.13:1, and 22.1-253.13:3.