

CLASS OF 2023  
CHALLENGE EXAM INFORMATION  
Saturday, April 13, 8:15 AM

Registration begins at 7:45am. The exams start promptly at 8:15 am.

All incoming freshmen are placed in Algebra 1 unless approved by the Math Department for an upper-level math class. Placement in upper-level math and world language classes is determined by evaluating school records, recommendations, and challenge exam scores. The math course sequence is as follows:

Algebra 1 ➡ Geometry ➡ Algebra 2 ➡ Pre-Calculus ➡ Calculus

Students challenging placement in Algebra 1 as freshmen take a math exam on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The math challenge exams are designed to demonstrate a student's proficiency in that subject and readiness to move forward to the next course. For example, a student who took Algebra 1 in middle school would take the Algebra 1 exam in order to demonstrate proficiency in Algebra 1 concepts and readiness to move into Geometry. **All students taking a math challenge exam should bring a calculator and pencils to the exam on April 13<sup>th</sup>.** Students planning to enroll in Algebra 1 do not take a math exam.

All incoming freshmen are also placed in a level 1 world language class unless approved by the World Language Department for an upper-level class. Students challenging a level 1 language placement also take a language exam on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The language challenge exams are designed to test proficiency in a wide range of skills from beginning to advanced level. Students are not expected to know or finish all content on the language exams. The portions they are able to complete are used to determine their appropriate placement level.

Each exam lasts approximately one hour. Study guides for Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 are available on our website at <http://www.stmaryspdx.org>. From the home page, go to the Academics tab, then click on Forecasting 2019-2020 to view the study guides.

For questions about the challenge exams, please contact the Registrar, Liz Olsen, at [liz.olsen@smapdx.org](mailto:liz.olsen@smapdx.org), or the Assistant Principal of Curriculum Design and Instruction, Liane Rae, at [liane.rae@smapdx.org](mailto:liane.rae@smapdx.org).

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CHALLENGE EXAM SIGN-UP  
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Please complete this form and return it with your class of 2023 attendance confirmation paperwork by April 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are unable to attend the exam on April 13<sup>th</sup>, please contact the Registrar, Liz Olsen, at [liz.olsen@smapdx.org](mailto:liz.olsen@smapdx.org) about alternate options.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info (Email or Phone): \_\_\_\_\_

Math Exam Choices:

- No exam  
(forecasting for Algebra 1)
- Algebra 1 exam  
(to test into Accelerated Algebra  
or Geometry)
- Algebra 1/Geometry combination exam  
(to test into Algebra 2)
- Geometry/Algebra 2/Trig combination exam  
(to test into Pre-Calculus)

World Language Exam Choices:

- No exam  
(forecasting for level 1)
- French
- Spanish

I am unable to attend on April 13th. Please contact me to schedule an alternate time for the exams.