

**Minimum criteria for the placement of a student in a High School Level Algebra 1 Course in 8<sup>th</sup> grade for High School credit**

A student wanting to take a high school level Algebra 1 course in 8<sup>th</sup> grade for high school credit should:

1. Have earned a final grade of A in 6<sup>th</sup> grade math and 7<sup>th</sup> grade pre-Algebra.
2. Have scored a minimum of the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade ITBS Math Core.

The student must have the recommendation of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade pre-algebra teacher.

Students being considered for 8<sup>th</sup> grade high-school level Algebra 1 should demonstrate the following qualities:

- The student is an independent learner.
- The student is a mature thinker who can deal with abstractions.
- The student has mastered the fundamentals of arithmetic.
- The student demonstrates superior cognitive ability.
- The student is able to do mathematical calculations without using a calculator.
- The student has a strong work ethic.
- The student has a sense of numbers.
- The student has strong reading comprehension skills.