

MATH CLASSES CHANGE COURSE

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Math was a subject where courses were changed for its students. The math department changed its courses because it found that students needed classes that were previously considered to be remedial. Teachers felt that existing courses were outdated, and students needed a change to be able to work well.

Math teachers found that students needed courses that were more basic in nature because of the math OGT.

"It is ideal if students can select the appropriate math course for themselves at the time of class registrations in February. We build the schedule based on the number of requests," said **Dr. Keith Brackenridge**, department supervisor.

Many things in the department were changed because of tests that determined graduation like the OGT.

"We have aligned our geometry curriculum to prepare the students for the OGT," said **Mr. Randall Lothrop**.

Students felt that they were being well prepared for the OGT. They felt that parts of the tests were challenging but were still easy enough to complete.

"The OGT was a challenge, but I realized that standardized tests should be given before a student graduates," said **Alex Gennett**, 10.

In addition to the geometry curriculum, there were other changes made to the math department. One was that more than 120 students took AP courses and earned college credits.

"Kids have been taking advantage of Focus and extra help in the media center to improve on their studies," said **Mrs. Susan Helgeson**.

Mrs. Ann Kuess and math department staff members were assigned to the help center and got approximately 700 students per quarter.

As it has shown, the mathematics department will continue to adapt its methods to better accommodate all students' abilities as well as curriculum developments.

"I think the math department is trying to be more personal with students and help enhance them in their studies."

-**Katherine Kettlehake**, 11.



MRS. SUSAN HELGESON BRIEFLY GOES OVER THE ASSIGNMENT from the previous day. **Helgeson** taught AP AB calculus, accelerated precalculus, and geometry standards. The geometry curriculum was changed for the OGT.