

Algebra Exit Exam

School Year 2019-2020 Testing Dates

CPS: May 26 – May 29

NON-CPS/Charter: May 30

What is the Algebra Exit Exam?

The Algebra Exit Exam is part of the High School Algebra I for Middle Grades Students program that was designed to provide qualified middle grades students the opportunity to engage in rigorous algebra instruction and be on a pathway to take Advanced Placement mathematics courses during high school. As part of this program, the Algebra Exit Exam is administered at the end of the school year to determine if those middle grades students enrolled in an approved Algebra I course are prepared to enter a higher level mathematics course the following year.

Components of the Algebra Exit Exam

- 34 multiple choice items
- 4 Short Constructed Response Items
- 2 Extended Constructed Response Items
- Students have 120 minutes to complete the exam
- Representative of the entire scope of content outlined in the [Algebra Exit Exam Blueprint](#)

Who should be tested?

Middle grades students taking the approved High School Algebra I for Middle Grades Students course, offered in either an elementary middle school context or within a high school.

Students with IEPs (Individualized Education Plans) or 504 Plans can and should receive all assessment accommodations that they typically receive during classroom and state assessments.

In an effort to increase accessibility for all students, particularly English Learners, a glossary of relevant terms are available in Spanish to support students in their comprehension of academic language that may be used throughout the assessment.

How are results used?

Elementary School: Middle grades students who are enrolled in a CPS approved algebra course taught in a CPS elementary school and who pass the Algebra Exit Exam will be placed in a higher level mathematics course the following year.

High School: Middle grades students who are enrolled in a CPS high school algebra course taught by a teacher with a Type 09 certificate in senior high school mathematics and who pass the exit exam will receive high school credit for the course and will be placed in a higher level mathematics course the following year.

NON-CPS/CHARTER: Middle grades students who are enrolled in a Private or Charter school and who pass the Algebra Exit Exam will be placed in a higher level mathematics course the following year.

Where can I find additional information about the Algebra Exit Exam?

CPS staff can find additional information at the [Algebra Exit Exam Knowledge Center Page](#)

Parents can find additional information on the Algebra Exit Exam at cps.edu/assessment.