

# The John Carroll School Math Department Frequently Asked Questions

## ***What Math Class do freshmen take at John Carroll?***

All students take some form of Algebra in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Students are placed in Algebra I unless they have taken Algebra I in middle school and are either exempt from taking the Algebra placement test or earn a high enough score on the Algebra placement test to be placed into Algebra 2.

## ***If my child was not exempt from taking the Algebra placement test, does that mean that they cannot take Algebra 2?***

No. It just means that they would need to come in and take the Algebra placement test. If they earn the required score and they have taken Algebra 1 in Middle School, they will be placed in Algebra 2.

## ***What is the difference between Honors Algebra 2 and Advanced Algebra 2?***

They are both considered “Honors” level classes. Honors Algebra 2 is the highest level and goes at a slightly faster pace, with problems at a slightly higher level of difficulty.

## ***When is the Algebra placement test offered this year?***

It is being offered March 10, 2020; March 11, 2020; and March 12, 2020.

## ***How long is the Algebra Placement test?***

It is typically about 1 hour although students can leave when they are finished.

## ***Do I have to sign up for the Algebra Placement Test?***

No. Your child just has to come on one of the three dates listed above.

## ***Does my child have to take the Algebra Placement test?***

No. Your child should take it only if they wish to take an Algebra 2 class and did not receive an exemption letter in their acceptance packet.

## ***What is the Geometry Exemption Exam?***

This is an exam for students who have taken a full year long Geometry class in Middle School and wish to not take Geometry here at John Carroll. Students in 10<sup>th</sup> grade typically take Geometry.

## ***Do I have to sign up or the Geometry Exemption Exam.?***

Yes. Please e-mail Sean Connolly. [sconnolly@johncarroll.org](mailto:sconnolly@johncarroll.org).

## ***When is the Geometry Exemption Exam?***

April 30, 2020

## ***Does my child have to take the Geometry Exemption Exam?***

No. They should take it only if they had a full year of Geometry in middle school and do not wish to take Geometry in 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

## ***What AP courses do you offer in Math?***

We offer AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, and AP Statistics.

## ***What classes will my child take in their Senior Year?***

Depending upon their interest and ability It could be, Algebra 2, Algebra 3 (College Algebra), Honors Calculus, Probability and Statistics, or one of the three AP courses we offer.

For more information, contact Mr. Connolly, Math Department Chair at [sconnolly@johncarroll.org](mailto:sconnolly@johncarroll.org).