

Dear student (and your family) –

As part of our commitment to prepare every East Tipp student for success in high school, we sometimes identify some eighth graders as candidates for two programs we have set up to strengthen basic math skills: Math Lab and Math AGain. You can read about both programs at

tkrice.com/booklist/stronger.htm

To identify students for inclusion in these programs, we examine their most recent ISTEP scores, their most recent class grades, and their most recent homework scores. Where there is evidence of a weakness, we assign ‘evidence points’ (EP) as listed below. Your most recent scores, along with the school’s corresponding evidence points, are given below.

Your ISTEP Score

518

- (4 EP) Your ISTEP score is more than 15 points below passing.
- (2 EP) Your ISTEP score is near the passing line.
- (1 EP) Your ISTEP score is between 11 and 35 points above passing.
- (0 EP) Your ISTEP score is more than 35 points above passing.

Your Class Grade

55%

- (4 EP) Your class grade is below 52%.
- (2 EP) Your class grade is between 52% and 57%.
- (1 EP) Your class grade is between 57% and 62%.
- (0 EP) Your class grade is above 62%.

Your Homework Score

57%

- (4 EP) Your homework score is below 60%.
- (2 EP) Your homework score is between 60% and 65%.
- (1 EP) Your homework score is between 65% and 70%.
- (0 EP) Your homework score is above 70%.

We have found that any student totaling **more than five evidence points** is likely in need of some extra work through Math Lab or Math AGain. Since your total is above five, we’ll begin that extra work with you in this quarter. Mr. Buss will speak with you to determine which of the programs is best for you and your schedule. We’ll examine your scores again at the end of the quarter to determine your progress.

If you are new to these programs, many of your questions can likely be answered at the web site listed above. The main thing you need to know, however, is that Math Lab and Math AGain are not punishments; they are *opportunities*. As proof of that, let me tell you that some kids with **zero** evidence points put themselves in Math Lab voluntarily every year! Whether it happens in one of these programs, in regular class, or a combination of the two, we’re going to work this year to make you stronger. If there are questions I can answer about these programs or more that I can do to help, please let me know.

Your pal,
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