

**ALGEBRA II TAUGHT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**POSITION STATEMENT**  
REVISED 7/11/18

Students who take high school Algebra II in middle school are continuing to build their high school transcript. The grade earned in this class cannot be removed from students' high school transcript and will impact students' GPA. The expectation is that students will continue to take at least two additional years of math at the high school level in order to maintain the knowledge and skills required on both the state assessment and college ACT/SAT exams.

**Entrance Criteria (students must meet all four criteria):**

- Minimum of 85% on a math entrance exam.
- An "A" or "B" in all four quarters of the previous grade level's math course. (An "A" or "B" average over four quarters is not acceptable.)
- Recommendation of previous grade level's math teacher.
- A score of proficient or highly proficient on the AzMERIT math assessment.

**Students new to the Vail School District must fulfill the following entrance criteria:**

- An "A" or "B" in all four quarters of the previous grade level's math (Need report card from previous grade).
- Minimum of 85% on a math entrance exam.
- A score of proficient or highly proficient on the AzMERIT math assessment (or equivalent score on another state's assessment)

Students will not be permitted to move into Algebra II after August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Students must maintain an "A" or "B" average in all four quarters to earn high school credit.

Algebra II classes are designed for two full semesters, therefore, no middle school students in the Vail School District may attend summer school to retain High School credit for Algebra II.

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In order for a middle school student to receive high school credit upon completion of Algebra II, the following criteria must be met:

**Exit Criteria:**

- Students earning an "A" or "B" will be advised of their mathematics options for the following year. Students earning a "C" or below must retake Algebra II in order to establish a firm foundation in the subject area.
- Students who score proficient on the Algebra 2 EOC AzMERIT assessment will earn a 3% increase to their final semester grade. Students who score highly proficient on the Algebra 2 EOC AzMERIT assessment will earn a 5% increase to their final semester grade.
- Once the Algebra II class is successfully completed, one credit will be transferred to the prospective high school for the high school transcript. If Algebra II Honors is completed, distinction points will be awarded by the prospective high school in the Vail Unified School District.
- Successful completion is defined as an "A" or "B" at the end of each semester.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_