

Introduction to the Darien High School Mathematics Program

The major Goal of the Darien High School Mathematics Department is to develop an interest in, understanding of, and competence in mathematics to serve your current and future needs. In order to successfully accomplish this, placement in the appropriate course at the appropriate time is important. Although there are general progressions that student take through their high school mathematics program, this varies depending upon their abilities, needs, and achievements.

Some important things to note regarding your math experience at Darien High School:

1. Darien High School, as well as the State of Connecticut, requires that you successfully complete (3) years of math.
2. At least half of college major fields of study require that you have completed Trigonometry and Algebra III. At least half of the liberal arts colleges in New England require Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.
3. Advancement through the course structure of the Math Department is determined by course prerequisites and students' demonstrated achievements. Familiarize yourself with prerequisites.

Success in mathematics requires that you take an active involvement in the study of mathematics. Interaction with your instructors and being a responsible student will help pave the way for your success.

NOTE: As much of the mathematics program is dependent upon the use of a calculator, we suggest that each student have a calculator that is appropriate to the course.