



# Spring 2025

# Algebra Exit Exam for Non-CPS Students

The Algebra Exit Exam covers Algebra I concepts articulated in [CPS's Middle Grades Algebra Blueprint](#). Students who pass the exam will have the algebra competency loaded on their high school transcript, guaranteeing them placement out of algebra at any CPS district-run high school.

## Sat. May 17, 2025 at 9:00 AM

Lane Tech High School

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## Registration

Early Bird Deadline: April 17

(For early access to practice tests)

Final Deadline: May 1

(No Exam Day Registrations)



## Student Eligibility

Students who meet all of the criteria below should take the Algebra Exit Exam to be considered for placement into the next-level math course (e.g., geometry) during 9th grade:

- are enrolled in 8th grade at a Non-CPS School and
- plan to attend a CPS high school in Fall 2025 and
- are currently enrolled in or have previously completed an Algebra I course

(Students who have not yet taken Algebra I or plan to retake Algebra I in 9th grade do not need to take the Algebra Exit Exam.)

## Exam Details

The Algebra Exit Exam is a 120-minute exam administered online. Students will have access to a [graphing calculator](#) in the assessment platform for the full exam. Students may also opt to use a handheld graphing calculator that does not have Computer Algebra System (CAS) functionality. Examples of allowable calculators include the TI-84 PLUS [[more details](#)].

Students with IEPs (Individualized Education Plans) or 504 Plans will receive all assessment accommodations that they typically receive during classroom and state assessments. The word-to-word translation feature is activated in the assessment platform for Arabic, Polish, Simplified Chinese, Spanish, and Urdu.

### How is the Algebra Exit Exam different from school placement tests?

Individual high schools may choose to offer their own placement tests. The school team determines what is covered on these local tests, as well as how the results are used. Passing CPS Algebra Exit Exam awards students the algebra competency and guarantees the ability to take the next-level math course at **any** CPS district-run high school; it is strongly encouraged for any student looking to place out of Algebra I.

## Registration Information

Counselors, parents, or guardians should complete the registration form for each student. Please have the student's CPS ID number, which can be found through your GoCPS account. You will also be asked to upload proof of algebra enrollment, such as a report card or letter from your school principal. Once submitted, you will receive a form confirmation receipt which includes a link to the PDF practice test. Within two weeks of each registration deadline, CPS will send login details for the online test platform for your student to access online practice tests and familiarize themselves with the test platform.

## Test Day

Students should bring a photo or student ID (a photocopy is fine) and at least two pencils for scratch work. There is **no waiting room for parents** available during testing. Students will be dismissed when their test room has completed testing.

## Score Reporting

Results will be mailed to the address provided on the registration form in **mid-July 2025**. Results will be electronically transmitted to the student's projected CPS high school in time for students to enroll in [Summer of Algebra](#) if desired.

## Questions?

**Assessment Platform & Accommodations:**  
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**Math Content & CPS Placement Policy:**  
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**Placement Out of Other Courses:**  
Contact Your High School Team