Nath, the Wright Way Math is a Beautiful Thing! a+2ab+

#### Early Mathematics

# Early math skills are one of the best predictors of student success in school.

"If you put all those things side by side and just say, 'What's most predictive of how successful kids are?' it turns out that math skills are more important than literacy skills or behaviors."

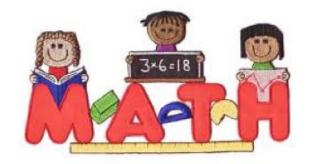
Greg Duncan,
University of California
Irvine Education Professor





#### Dr. Duncan suggests three possibilities:

- School-structure Students with a lot of math ability are more likely to get in gifted classes.
- Self-perception Students get a lot of concrete feedback in math in the early grades.
- Executive Function skills Math helps students develop the ability to organize and act on information.

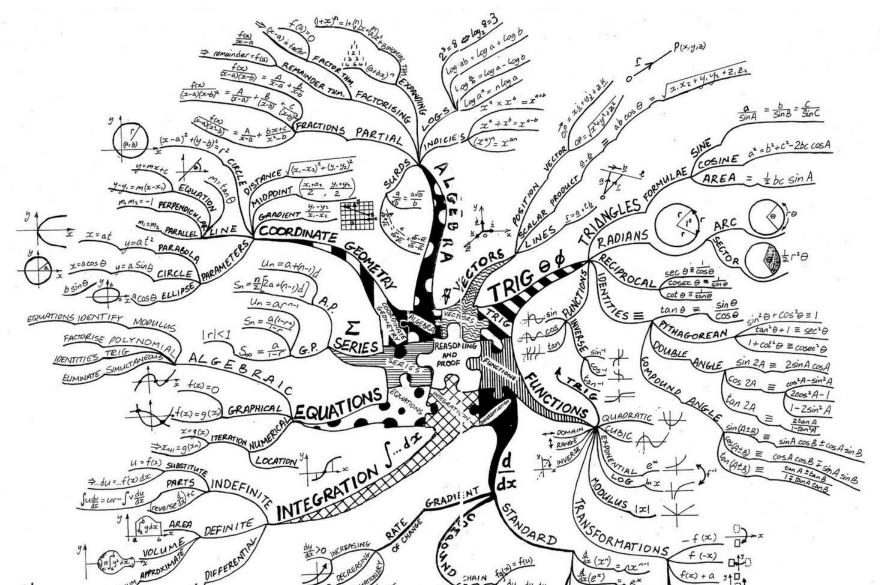




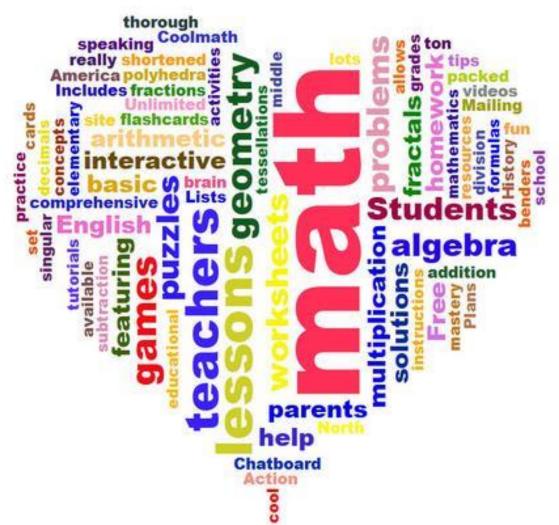
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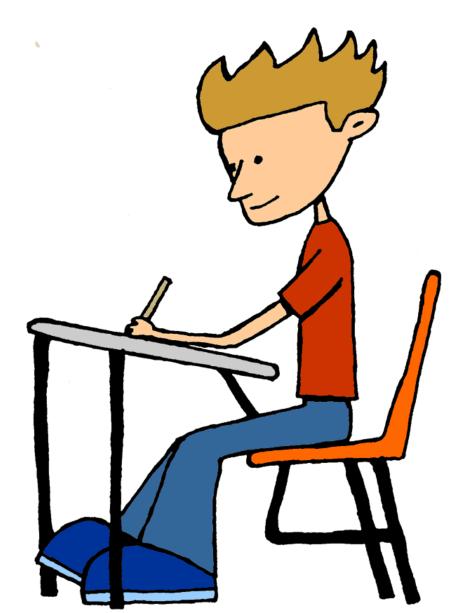
# Memorization Ability



# Building on Previous Concepts



## Focus and Organization



# Showing Your Work

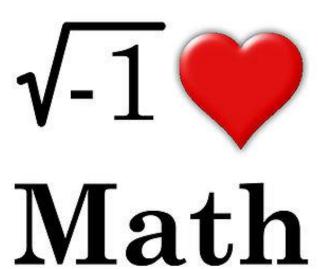
$$x(2y-5) = y+4$$

$$2xy-5x = y+4$$

$$2xy-y = 4+5x$$

$$(2x-1)y = 4+5x$$

$$y = \frac{4+5x}{2x-1}$$



# Staying Current



#### 2016 HPHS Statistics

484 - HPHS seniors 2015-16

National Merit Semifinalist - 27
5.6% of HPHS senior class
Top 1% in the nation

National Merit Commended - 36

7.4% of HPHS senior class, top 3% in the nation

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#### 2016 HPHS Statistics

Average Math ACT Score

**HPHS 27.5**, State 20.7, Nation 20.6



Average Math SAT Score

**HPHS 636**, State 478, Nation 505



# HPHS Math Department

- Subject Teams
- Planning
- Assessments
- Number 1 Goal = Student Success



### **HPHS Course Sequence**

