

High School and AP Mathematics Curricula at Rockdale Magnet

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Current Mathematics Offerings

Regular Analytic Geometry – Advanced Algebra –
Precalculus – AP Calculus AB

Accelerated Analytic Geometry/Advanced Algebra –
Precalculus – Magnet Calculus I – Magnet
Calculus II or Advanced Finite Mathematics

Electives Mathematics of Industry & Government, History
of Mathematics

This does mean that students *must* have Coordinate Algebra
in middle school

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A Little History: 2000-01

Started in 00-01 with 9th/10th grade—by 02-03 we had all grades

Regular Geometry – Algebra II – Precalculus – AP Calculus BC

Accelerated Algebra II – Precalculus – AP Calculus BC – Joint Enrollment Discrete Math

Electives History of Mathematics (first offered 03-04)

A Little History: 2005-06

Abandoned Joint Enrollment

Regular Geometry – Algebra II – Precalculus – AP Calculus
AB or AP Calculus BC

Accelerated Algebra II – Precalculus – AP Calculus BC –
Multivariable Calculus

Electives History of Mathematics

A Little History: 2006-07

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AB or AP Calculus BC or AP Calculus AB

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A Little History: 2008-09

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Electives History of Mathematics, Directed Study Mathematics

A Little History: 2011-12

- Regular** Math II – Math III – Math IV – AP Calculus AB
- Accelerated** Accelerated Math II – Accelerated Math III –
Magnet Calculus I – Magnet Calculus II
- Electives** History of Mathematics, Directed Study
Mathematics

A Little History: 2013-14

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2. What About Georgia Tech Calculus?
3. Where's AP Statistics?
4. Why Teach History of Math?
5. What's This Advanced Finite Mathematics?
6. What About Kids Who Need Support?
7. What About Kids Who Need More Acceleration?

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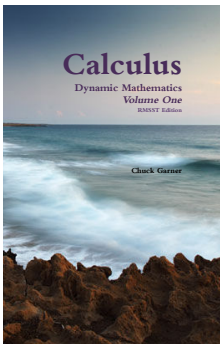
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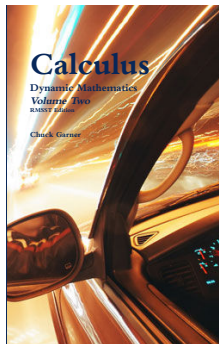
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Magnet Calculus I and II

Calculus: Dynamic Mathematics



Volume 1, 464 pages



Volume 2, 432 pages

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 - ▶ Course does *not* appear on transcript

More Questions?

Please ask!

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