

Parent/Guardian:

Your student is enrolled in our Bridge Math SAILS class for the upcoming school year. Students have been selected for the SAILS course based on ACT scores that indicate “less than college readiness for math.” Ordinarily, next year, your college freshman would need to take a Learning Support math class in college, along with their college-level math class. That’s bad news, but good news follows. Cosby High School has entered an exciting partnership with the College System of Tennessee. The Tennessee Board of Regents and the State Department of Education have approved a program that allows students to meet developmental requirements by completing a specially designed an online college course that fulfills both the college remedial math requirement and the high school senior math graduation requirement. This is a real college class, administered by the College System of Tennessee. Lectures and examples are illustrated via video links, and assignments are completed online. Long term benefits of SAILS are achieved when students complete the entire course. Students who do not finish SAILS will be subject to registering for Learning Support as any other student. They must finish the SAILS course in order to take College Level math without the Learning Support component. We expect EVERY student to work hard and finish the SAILS course.

When students finish the SAILS course early in the year, they have the possibility of participating in one of two additional collegiate opportunities. They could enroll in a Dual Enrollment math course the second semester, earning a required college math credit through their local college. The second opportunity is to complete optional content in SAILS that will allow additional college math placement options.

Although students will be spending the majority of their class time working online, Ms. Tina Williamson will be in the classroom, providing examples and explanations.

This is a great opportunity. Here’s a summary of why you and your child should be excited:

- Meet High School Requirement – Fulfill the senior math graduation requirement.
- Save Money – Up to \$750 when you don’t have to take the Learning Support class in college
- Save Time – Avoid taking the required non-credit math class in college by completing now in high school
- Get Ahead – You may earn a required college math course at a significantly reduced cost through dual enrollment