

# 6 degrees of separation ... in an array of math classes

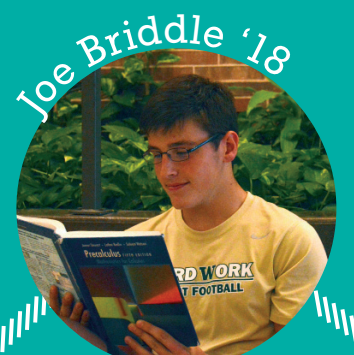
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**Algebra II Honors**  
Natalie Trout thinks a good teacher can make a big difference. "I like math a lot because it comes naturally to me, and my teacher [Karen Meyer] this year is really nice," she said.



**AP Calculus BC**  
Homework every night? Not the most fun. "The concepts in the math that I'm in are very interesting, but the workload is huge," Daniel Burgess said.



**Pre Calculus**  
Looking over notes from class, Joe Briddle reviews for an upcoming test. "Pre-Calc was a big step up from last year," he said.



**Geometry**  
Proofs. They're every high school student's worst nightmare, including Kiley Piercy. "We're doing proofs. They are very difficult and seem pointless," she said.



**AP Calculus BC**  
Jaya Blanchard finishes up the last problem of the day. "I'm good at math," she said. "It's so easy and fun for me."



**Algebra II**  
Waiting for further instruction, Abby Henderson reviews notes from the previous day. "Every day math brings its own challenges," she said.



**Algebra II**  
Raven Lance thinks a teacher can make or break a class. "I've had Mr. Echols for two years now, and he's a pretty great teacher," she said.



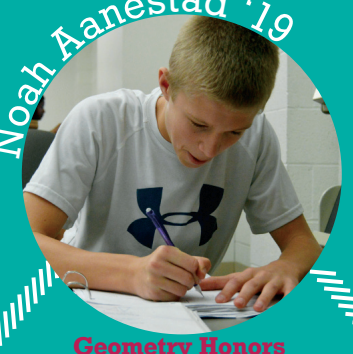
**Calculus**  
Whatever class is easiest for you might not be your favorite. "Math has always come naturally to me, even though it's not my favorite subject," Ela Pemmaraju said.



**Algebra II**  
has its perks, but everybody needs a little help sometimes, according to De'Ja Bunyan. "My teacher [Andre Echols] this year is really cool. He is always willing to help outside of class," she said.



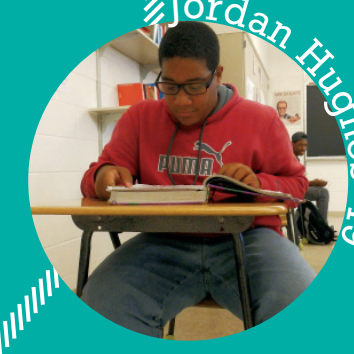
**Geometry Honors**  
While taking notes in class, Sasha Tyler thinks about how much she misses algebra. "Math used to be my favorite subject, but then I came to geometry and really missed algebra," she said.



**Geometry Honors**  
Noah Aanestad likes his geometry class in part because of the teacher. "Ms. Lynn is a great math teacher because she is good at explaining things in a way everybody understands," he said.



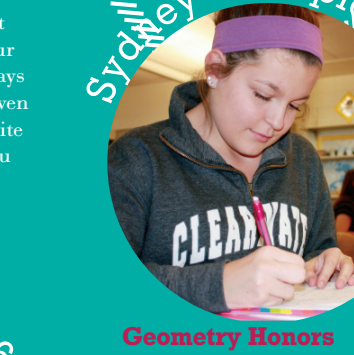
**AP Calculus BC**  
Who knew challenges could make a class so much fun? "I like math. It can be difficult sometimes, but I like a challenge and it's my favorite subject," JD McLure said.



**Intro to Algebra**  
Jordan Hughes searches for his math notes before class. "I actually really enjoy math," he said.



**Algebra II**  
With the mindset that math will not benefit her in life, Alyson Kuennen works on a math problem Nov. 8 in Room 115. "Math and I are just not compatible," she said.



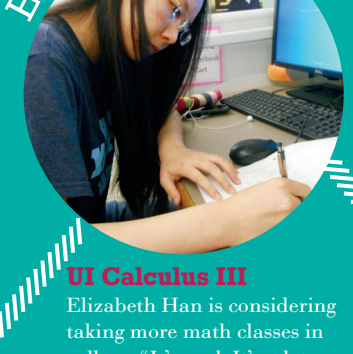
**Geometry Honors**  
To Sydney Gillispie, math has always been a favorite until now. "I've never really disliked math until I got to geometry," she said.



**Pre Calculus Honors**  
A crowded lunch room offers a spot for Raneem Hamad to do homework. "Math isn't bad," she said. "I like it when it makes sense."



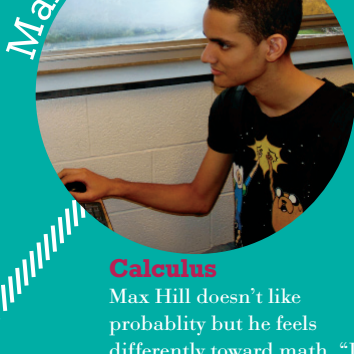
**Algebra I**  
Wei Jie Lin listens to music while working on his homework at the end of class. "I find word problems difficult because I don't really understand them," he said.



**UI Calculus III**  
Elizabeth Han is considering taking more math classes in college. "It's cool. It's a lot more interesting than the textbook makes it seem—a lot more formulas," she said.



**Calculus BC**  
Ned Furlong learns to find the minimum and maximum points on a graph. "Math is more fun when I understand it ... it doesn't feel like work," he said.



**Calculus**  
Max Hill doesn't like probability but he feels differently toward math. "I like math because I've been good at it, and when people are good at something, they like it," he said.