Frequently Asked Questions
Math Bridge for Students

1. What is the Math Bridge?

The Math Bridge is a free 7- or 9-day course held between semesters that is designed to boost math skills and help college students successfully transition into college-level mathematics classes. Students work through the appropriate diagnostic path on math software, and Waubonsee math faculty and tutors work one-on-one and with small groups to explain math concepts. Upon successful completion, students may be eligible to register for the next math course in their pathway.

2. What courses are included?

MTH 050/068/069 are included. MTH 066/067/075 are **not** included in this experience; students can take these courses during a regular semester.

3. How much does the Math Bridge Program cost?

Nothing! This is a **free** program for Waubonsee students who qualify.

4. How many classes do I have to attend?

There are 7 sessions in the spring and 9 sessions in the summer.

5. What if I cannot come to class, but I am keeping up with all the work online? Will I still be able to pass?

Some hours and all knowledge checks (assessments) must be completed in person. Students should plan for the time commitment required to complete the program successfully.

6. Who can help me if I am struggling?

Students have an embedded care team throughout the program, including faculty, a counselor, a tutor, and an academic coach.

7. How many math courses can I skip in one Math Bridge Program term?

Ideally, one, but you can skip as many developmental math courses as you are able to complete before the end of the program.

8. Am I guaranteed to move up to the next math level after completing Math Bridge?

No. Participating in Math Bridge does not guarantee advancement to the next math level. Advancement depends on your progress, demonstrated understanding of the material, and meeting the program's placement requirements. Math Bridge provides focused instruction, practice, and academic support to help you strengthen your skills. Our goal is to help you make progress, even if you do not advance to the next level.

9. What if I do not pass?

You can either register for the math class you originally placed into or retake the Accuplacer placement test.

10. What if I was placed into MTH 050 with Accuplacer but placed into a higher level with ALEKS and did not pass Math Bridge? What class will I register for?

You will be permitted to take whichever course is higher.

11. What if I do not want to take the co-requisite support course with my math class?

If you prefer not to enroll in the co-requisite support course, you will need to retake the Accuplacer placement test and place directly into the college-level math course. Without meeting the required placement score, the co-requisite course is mandatory to provide support for success.

12. Will I be charged a retesting fee if I choose to retest?

No, but ALEKS will give you a placement, so retaking Accuplacer is not necessary.

13. Will my ALEKS test scores expire?

Yes. ALEKS test scores are valid for 3 years.

14. What credit do I receive?

The Math Bridge Program portion is considered a non-credit course. Upon successful completion, students receive credit for the appropriate Developmental Education course itself, but this is not college credit.

15. When should I register for my next math course after completing Math Bridge?

Ideally, we encourage you to register for your next math course immediately after completing Math Bridge. The skills and concepts you learned are still fresh in your mind, making it easier to build on that knowledge and continue making progress. Work with your academic advisor early to plan your next course and maintain momentum. Course availability is not guaranteed, so planning ahead is important.

16. Am I guaranteed a seat in my next math course after completing Math Bridge?

No. Enrollment in your next math course depends on course availability. We encourage you to identify the course you want to take as early as possible and work with your academic advisor to explore registration options. If the course is full, you may be encouraged to join the waitlist. Our team can help you understand your options, but we cannot guarantee a seat in your preferred course.

17. The Math Bridge classes show they are full. What do I do if I am interested in registering?

A status indicating “Full” is not accurate for this class. This course requires special approval to register. Contact the Academic Support office at **academicsupport@waubonsee.edu** or **630-466-5706** to inquire about available seats in Math Bridge.