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Dear Parents,

As part of Waiakea High School's effort to raise our Hawaii State Assessment (HSA) math scores to meet the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements, and Smaller Learning Community (SLC) objectives, we are using the "I CAN" Math Achievement program with all Algebra 1 and Geometry students.

The program requires that Algebra 1 be the entry level math course to allow students to meet NCLB Adequate Yearly Progress Math Benchmarks on the HSA and enter post-secondary options without the need for remediation. As a part of this program, students will experience:

- "I CAN" statements for each Hawaii Content and Performance Standard Benchmark
- Performance-Based Grading System – students' grades [A, B, C or I (in progress-not passing yet)] are based on the number of "I CAN" statements mastered for the course
- Multiple opportunities to relearn and retest to show skills mastered
- Student Support Services:
  - Before school, recess, lunch, and/or after school tutoring sessions to master "I CAN" statements.
  - Benchmark Café (testing center) to offer another opportunity to master "I CAN" Statements during lunch and afterschool on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
  - Math Lab (Q103) to offer tutoring before school, recess, lunch, and afterschool.

In order for your child to be successful, cooperation between students, parents and teachers is essential. Students need to be responsible and accountable for their own learning, which means they may have to give up their personal time (recess, lunch, etc.). The teachers at Waiakea High School are committed to helping your child succeed and we need your support.

We look forward to a successful school year! Please feel free to contact your child's math teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kelcy Koga
Principal