

**Placement In Mathematics Courses**

The Governing Board believes that a sound educational program must include the study of subjects that prepare students for admission to higher education and/or a fulfilling career. To the extent possible, district students shall be provided an opportunity to complete a sequence of mathematics courses recommended for admission into the University of California and California State University systems.

(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)  
(cf. 6141.92 - Mathematics Instruction)  
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)  
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

The Superintendent or designee shall work with district teachers, counselors, and administrators and feeder school representatives to develop protocols for placing students in mathematics courses offered at district high schools. Such placement protocols shall be based on objective academic measures that may include, but are not limited to, student grades and results on statewide assessments and/or diagnostic placement tests.

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)  
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)  
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

Students shall be enrolled in mathematics courses based on the placement protocols. No student shall repeat a mathematics course which he/she has successfully completed based on the district's placement protocols.

Within 15 school days of an initial placement decision or a placement decision upon reevaluation, a parent/guardian of a student who disagrees with the placement may appeal the decision to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall decide whether or not to overrule the placement determination within 10 school days of receiving the appeal. The decision of the Superintendent or designee shall be final.

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

District staff shall implement the placement protocols uniformly and without regard to students' race, sex, gender, nationality, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, or other subjective or discriminatory consideration in making placement decisions.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all teachers, counselors, and other district staff responsible for determining district students' placement in mathematics courses receive training on the placement protocols.

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(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Prior to the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall communicate the district's commitment to providing students with the opportunity to complete mathematics courses recommended for college admission, including approved placement protocols and appeal process, to parents/guardians, students, teachers, school counselors, and administrators. The district's mathematics placement protocols shall be posted on the district's web site.

(cf. 1113 - District And School Web Sites)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notification)

Annually, the Board and the Superintendent or designee shall review student data related to placement and advancement in the mathematics courses offered at district high schools, and shall consider appropriate recommendations for removing any identified barriers to students' access to mathematics courses.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

### Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

48070.5 Promotion and Retention; required policy

51220 Areas of study, grades 7-12

51224.5 Algebra in course of study for grades 7-12

51225.3 High school graduation requirements

51284 Financial literacy

60605 State-adopted content and performance standards in core curricular areas

60605.8 Common Core standards

### Management Resources:

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Governing to the Core, Governance Briefs

#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Mathematics Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2013

California Common Core State Standards: Mathematics, rev. January 2013

#### COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE PUBLICATIONS

Appendix A: Designing High School Mathematics Courses Based on the Common Core State Standards

#### LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA (LCCR)

HELD BACK - Addressing Misplacement of 9th Grade Students in Bay Area School Math Classes

#### WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

Common Core State Standards Initiative: <http://www.corestandards.org/math>

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area (LCCR): <http://www.lccr.com>

Policy Adopted:

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