

6152.1 PLACEMENT IN MATHEMATICS COURSES

The Superintendent or designee shall work with Marin County Office of Education teachers, counselors, and administrators and the representatives of local district schools to develop consistent protocols for placing students in Mathematics courses offered within Marin County Office of Education programs. Such placement protocols shall systematically take into consideration multiple objective academic measures that may include, but are not limited to, interim and summative assessments, placement tests that are aligned to state-adopted content standards in mathematics, classroom assignment and grades, and report cards.

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.

When a student does not qualify to be enrolled in a higher level mathematics course based on a consideration of the objective measures specified in the placement protocols, he/she may nevertheless be admitted to the course based on the recommendation of a teacher or counselor who has personal knowledge of the student's academic ability.

The placement protocols shall specify a time within the first month of the school year when students shall be reevaluated to ensure that they are appropriately placed in Mathematics courses and shall specify the criteria the Marin County Office of Education will use to make this determination. Any student found to be misplaced shall be promptly placed in the appropriate Mathematics course.

Within the first ten days of an initial placement decision or a new placement decision following reevaluation, a student and his/her parent/guardian who disagree with the placement of the student 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.

Marin County Office of Education 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.

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

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 the

appeal process, to parents/guardians, students, teachers, school counselors, and administrators.

This policy and the district's Mathematics placement protocols shall be posted on the district's web site.

Annually, the Board and the Superintendent or designee shall review student data related to placement and advancement in the Mathematics courses offered at Marin County Office of Education high school programs to ensure that students who are qualified to progress in Mathematics courses based on their performance on objective academic measures are not held back in a disproportionate manner on the basis of their race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background. The Board and Superintendent shall also consider appropriate recommendations for removing any identified barriers to students' access to Mathematics courses.

Legal References:

Education Code

200-262.4	Prohibition of discrimination
48070.5	Promotion and retention; required policy
51220	Areas of study, grades 7-12
51224.5	Completion of Algebra I or Mathematics I
51224.7	California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015
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

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