

Santa Barbara Unified School District

Administrative Regulation

Instruction

AR 6152.1

PLACEMENT IN MATHEMATICS COURSES

California Mathematics Placement Policy, for Pupils Entering Grades 7 and 9

The purpose of the policy is to create a fair, objective, and transparent protocol that serves pupils who are transitioning from elementary to middle school and middle school to high school. Beginning of the 2016-17 school year, the District will implement the requirements of the California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015 to accurately evaluate and place students in appropriate mathematics courses. The District will take into consideration the following multiple objective academic measures of pupil performance.

1. Standardized statewide mathematics assessment score, CAASPP performance data levels 2-4 from grades 6 and 8.
2. End of the course final, summative assessment grade measuring student mastery on state-adopted standards with a grade of C or above, and demonstrating sufficient preparation for the next in sequence mathematics course.
3. Final math grade on the end of the year official report card.
4. Teacher recommendation based upon classroom assessments and grades.
5. Results from a diagnostic assessment within the first three weeks of school to ensure accurate pupil placement and permit re-evaluation of individual pupil progress.
6. For pupils receiving special education services, the final mathematics placement will be determined by the pupil's IEP team.

Exemptions for Students in Grades 6 and 8 Performing Above Grade Level

For students in grades 6 and 8, parents/guardians will receive communication from site administration informing them of the opportunity to take mathematics placement assessment(s), qualifying them for placement in mathematics courses above grade level. Data from the above-mentioned assessment(s) will determine mathematics placement for these pupils.

Public Reporting of Students' Mathematics Performance, Grades 6 and 8

Pursuant to Section 51224.7 of the Education Code, site administration will report annually to the Office of Superintendent on the aggregate pupil placement data, demonstrating that all students are appropriately and fairly placed in mathematics courses based upon the multiple objective performance measures listed above.

Parent/Guardian and Pupil Recourse for Challenging Mathematics Placement

The District acknowledges the need to offer clear and timely recourse for each pupil and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who question the pupil's placement. The District enumerates the following remedial steps:

1. Parent/Guardian may make a request that site administration present the outcomes from the objective multiple performance measures listed above.
2. Parent/Guardian may formally request that the student retake the end of the course final, summative assessment. Parent/Guardian may request reconsideration of mathematics placement based upon this data.
3. Parent/Guardian may sign a waiver requesting that the pupil be placed in the next in sequence course, against the professional recommendation of site administration, acknowledging and accepting responsibility of this placement.

Public Reporting of Mathematics Placement Policy

The District shall ensure that its mathematics placement policy is posted on its Internet website.

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