

Envision Schools Placement in Mathematics Courses Policy

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The Governing Board believes that a student's placement in an academic course should be primarily based on the student's current academic needs and abilities. A sound educational program must include the study of subjects that prepare students for admission to higher education and/or fulfilling careers. 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. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

The Director of STEM or designee shall work with teachers, Instructional coaches, and site leaders to develop a well-articulated sequence of mathematics courses and consistent protocols for placing students in mathematics courses offered in High School.

Such placement protocols shall systematically take into consideration multiple objective academic measures that may include, but are not limited to, statewide mathematics assessments, including state interim and summative assessments; placement tests that are aligned to state-adopted content standards in mathematics; artifacts of student thinking and grades; and report cards. (Education Code 51224.7)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 6011 – Academic Standards)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

Envision Schools staff shall implement the placement protocols uniformly and without regard to students' socioeconomic background or any characteristic specified in BP 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities, including, but not limited to, race, sex, gender, nationality, and ethnicity.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 0415 – Equity)
(cf. 6174 – Education for English Learners)

The placement protocols shall provide for at least one reevaluation within the first month of the school year to ensure that students are appropriately placed in mathematics courses and shall

specify the criteria the district will use to make this determination. Any student found to be misplaced shall be promptly placed in the appropriate mathematics course.

If a student or parent/guardian questions the student's placement, they may appeal the decision to the site administrator. The student or parent/guardian may appeal the site administrator's decision to the Chief Academic Officer or designee. The decision of the Chief Academic Officer or designee shall be final.

The Director of STEM or designee shall ensure that all teachers, site leaders, and other staff responsible for determining students' placement in mathematics courses receive training on the placement protocols.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

The Board and the Chief Academic Officer or designee shall annually review student data related to placement in mathematics courses offered at Envision High Schools to ensure that students who are qualified to progress in mathematics courses based on their performance on objective academic measures are not being held back in a disproportionate manner on the basis of any subjective or discriminatory basis, and shall develop strategies for removing any identified barriers to students' access to mathematics courses. The Chief Academic Officer or designee shall also report on the percentage of district students who have successfully completed mathematics courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University.

(cf. 0460 – Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(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 Completion of Algebra I or Mathematics I

51224.7 California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015

51225.3 High school graduation requirements

51284 Financial literacy

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

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

60605.8 Common Core standards

60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Math Misplacement, Governance Brief, September 2015

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

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

California Common Core State Standards: Mathematics, 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>

Northwest Evaluation Association, Measures of Academic Progress:

<http://www.nwea.org>

University of California, Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Project: <http://mdtp.ucsd.edu>