

Coast Unified School District

Mathematics Placement Policy for Students Entering Grade 9

Placement in Foundational Math:

- Grade 7 performance on the Smarter Balanced Assessment in Mathematics of levels 1 or higher
- A minimum grade of “F” or higher in grade 8 mathematics

Placement in Algebra 1:

- Grade 7 performance on the Smarter Balanced Assessment in Mathematics of levels 2 or higher
- A minimum passing grade of “C” in grade 8 mathematics

Placement in Geometry:

- Grade 7 performance on the Smarter Balanced Assessment in Mathematics of levels 3 or 4
- A minimum passing grade of “C” in a course of accelerated grade 8 mathematics or algebra 1

On an annual basis, the High School Counselor or designee will review each grade 9 student’s performance in his or her mathematics course within the first month of the school year to ensure accurate placement and permit reevaluation of individual pupil progress.

In an annual report to the Board of Education, appropriate placement of high school students in mathematics courses is reviewed by the Board when the Superintendent presents an annual, accountability report on summative assessment data by student subgroups from the Smarter Balanced Assessment in Mathematics and the Advanced Placement Assessment in Calculus AB.