

## Temple City Unified School District Math Placement Policy

California Senate Bill 359 was written to address concerns about equity and access for students in middle and high school. The law was intended to help schools and school districts establish and support a consistent process for placing students into math courses. In accordance with SB 359, students in Temple City Unified School District are placed in math courses based their ability to demonstrate knowledge of the California Content Standards in math for all prior courses and/or grades.

The Temple City Unified math placement policy is intended to:

- Support initial correct math placement for students transitioning from elementary to middle school and from middle to high school
- Support participation in STEAM activities for all students
- Eliminate math misplacement by using multiple measures to improve accuracy
- Create systems to adjust placement at the end of the first month of school if necessary

Temple City Unified will utilize multiple objective academic measures of pupil performance to determine the appropriate course for each student. Additionally, the district will require at least one placement checkpoint within the first month of school to ensure accurate placement and permit reevaluation of individual student progress.

Parents/Guardians who wish to challenge a placement decision may do so by completing a "Request for Change in Math Placement," which is available on the district website ([www.tcusd.net](http://www.tcusd.net)). Upon receiving the "Request for Change in Math Placement," the Superintendent or designee will review the available student performance data and decide whether or not to overrule the student's placement within ten school days. The Superintendent or designee may also require the student to take an additional test before determining final placement. The decision of the Superintendent or designee is final. No adjustments to initial placement will be considered after the first 10 days of school.

Temple City Unified will conduct an annual examination of pupil placement data to ensure that students are not held back disproportionately based on race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background, and report these results annually to the Board of Education.

Math course information, including pacing and parent resources can be found on the TCUSD website at [www.tcusd.net](http://www.tcusd.net) under Educational Services. You can also review the California Common Core Math Content Standards at:  
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/documents/ccsmathstandardaug2013.pdf>

## Math Placement FAQ

Q: Why do we have a math placement process?

A: California Senate Bill 359 is the basis for the update in the math placement process. The Bill was created to address equity and access for students in middle and high school. It helps support a consistent process for placing students into math courses. Additionally, Board Policy was updated in 2016 in support of the law. See Board Policy 6152.1.

Q: When will placement tests take place?

A: Placements will occur when students move from elementary to middle school and from middle school to high school. Only students in 6th and 8th grade will take placement tests. The tests will be administered in the spring prior to transitioning to middle or high school.

Q: What happens if a parent/guardian questions a math placement?

A: If a parent/guardian questions a math placement, they can complete the Request for Change in Math Placement. The form is found online or by request from the school site. Parents may consider speaking with site administration based on our open door policies at the sites. Students may be required to pass an assessment to demonstrate readiness for the desired course. If a student's placement is adjusted, the school site will closely monitor the student's progress for 4 weeks following the change.

Q: Where can I find information about the math programs and/or materials used in the district?

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