

Middle School Math Placement Guidelines 2021-2022

Basic Framework:

- Middle school math placement criteria is established to ensure equitable access to middle school math courses.
- Placement criteria is established based on research and obtainable student data.
- Elementary & Middle Schools will conduct the registration/placement process during February-April.
- Schools will review placement recommendations and consider any teacher and/or parent waivers.
- Due to COVID-19, students did not take EOGs for the 2019-2020 school year. The data used for placement in 2021-2022 is based on the most recent available data.

Placement Guidelines

Math 6 Plus	Math 7 Plus	NC Math 1
Students will be placed in this course if: The student scored a Level 4 or 5 on the most recent End-of-Grade (EOG) Test.	Students will be placed in this course if: The student completed Math 6 Plus with a letter grade of A-D.	Students will be placed in this course if: The student completed Math 7 Plus with a letter grade of A-D.

Important Points:

- End-of-Grade (EOG) tests are state assessments that are administered at the end of each school year. **Initial** placements will be made based on the most recent EOG (ex: for rising 6th graders, this will be the 3rd Grade EOG since they have not taken the 4th or 5th grade EOG).
- At the end of the school year, any current EOG scores and final course grades may be reviewed to determine if a change in placement is necessary.
- According to [HB986](#), students who score a Level 5 on the EOG must be placed in an advanced math class.
- The principal will ensure that all students have access to quality teaching and instruction that is appropriately challenging.
- Failure of the course does not constitute an automatic change in placement. In collaboration with the parent, the school will problem solve the reasons for failure, and the principal will then make the final placement decision.
- The parent/legal guardian or teacher may request a higher placement by submitting a waiver form. The parent may request a lower placement by submitting a waiver form. All waivers must be approved by the principal.
- Waiver requests for current fifth graders (rising sixth graders) are to be initially reviewed and signed by the elementary school principal. This initial recommendation will then be sent to the middle school principal who will determine final placement.
- HB986 and Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) are the only options for skipping a middle school math course. For example, a student cannot move from Math 7 to Math 1 because this would result in skipping Math 8 (an entire course). By meeting the criteria or with principal approval, a student may move from Math 6 to Math 7 Plus.
- Compacted 6 Plus/7 Plus will only be available at Magnet Schools for the 2021-2022 school year. Students who seek this level of math acceleration at other schools may consider Single Subject Acceleration (SSA).

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