

Math Placement of Incoming Freshman (2020-2021)

By default, all students will be rostered to **Algebra 1 Advanced** (our standard course). If you believe this is the best fit for your child, you *do not need to do anything*. Typically about 75% of our incoming 9th grade students will take Algebra 1 Advanced. Only students interested in taking Algebra 1 Honors or Algebra 2 Honors must complete extra steps.

Step One: Complete the Google Form Expressing Interest

If you are considering a placement in a higher level math course for your child, complete the Google Form at <http://tiny.cc/CHScourses>.

Step Two: Parents / Guardians Receive Honors Course Information via Email

- Parents/ Guardians will receive an email laying out clear expectations of Math Honors courses and information about administering a math assessment for their child.
- Note a difference in placement for Algebra 1 Honors vs. Algebra 2 Honors
 - After being informed of the expectations for Math Honors:
 - **Algebra 1 Honors:** Students will be placed into the course based on their parent or guardian's informed choice after taking a math assessment.
 - **Algebra 2 Honors:** Students will be placed into the course based primarily on their performance on a math assessment and not by parent or guardian choice alone.

Step Three: Parents or Guardians Administer the Assessment

Parent's will receive the math assessment via **email** at a date to be determined.

Algebra 1 Honors Assessment

- Parents/ Guardians will **administer** and **proctor** an assessment themselves.
 - Once the assessment is received via email, parents will have approximately 48 hours to administer the assessment and submit the results.
 - Approximately 20 questions, all open-response.
 - Approximately a 40 minute time limit.
 - Parents/ Guardians will receive a set of numerical answers to score the assessment, but not the full worked solutions.
- After administering the assessment, parent/ guardian must complete a Second Google Form:
 - Stating they understand each of the expectations of Algebra 1 Honors,

- Stating that their child took the assessment under their supervision authentically
- Attaching a scanned copy or image of their child's work on the assessment.

Algebra 2 Honors Assessment

- Parents/ Guardians will **administer** and **proctor** an assessment themselves.
 - Students receive a link to a Google Form Quiz via email.
 - The quiz opens at a given time, for example 12:00PM and closes to responses after two hours (2:00PM).
 - Students submit all their answers via the form and also attach an image or scan of their work.
 - Approximately 30-40 questions, all open-response.
 - Students should complete the assessment in approximately 80 minutes.

Step Four: Decision

After students completely submit the assessment through the appropriate means, the math department will confirm the student's placement via email.

- For **Algebra 1 Honors**, the parent's/ guardian's choice will be honored; however, in cases where the student's assessment performance seems unsatisfactory, the math department will reach out to the parent/ guardian to reconsider the placement.
- For **Algebra 2 Honors**, the math department will communicate to parents/ guardians the recommended placement for their child: Algebra 2 Honors, Algebra 1 Honors, or Algebra 1 Advanced.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. John Zak at jzak@philasd.org.