

Math Course Placement Guide

Bridges – a course designed only for students who are significantly below the Algebra 1 level; these students are placed by teacher recommendation only.

Algebra Skills – a course designed mainly for students that are currently in Geometry, but need some additional support of their Algebra 1 skills before going into Algebra 2. This course is designed to help strengthen and review Algebra skills before the student enters the extremely rigorous Algebra 2 course. It may be taken either as a single semester or yearlong course. This course qualifies as a core elective credit, but not a math credit for purposes of graduation.

Algebra Lab – this course is taken concurrently with an Algebra 1 course and is designed for student who needs more time to absorb the material, needs more clarification, or just needs extra help understanding the curriculum.

Algebra 1 – this course is the fundamental course for all other high school math courses and is required for graduation in District 20. Even if Algebra 1 was completed in middle school, if the student is not confident in these skills it is recommend to begin with this course upon entering high school.

Geometry – this is typically the next course following Algebra 1 and is also required for graduation in District 20. Freshman entering this course should have received at least a 75% in Algebra 1 and be confident in their Algebra 1 skills. For those that did not receive this minimum grade in Algebra 1, we recommend that they retake Algebra 1 to strengthen those skills before they enter more advanced math courses. For students that received a 75% or above in Algebra 1 but would like to build confidence in those skills or just want to review the content before entering Algebra 2, we suggest they take at least a second semester Algebra Skills class in addition to the Geometry course.

Algebra 2/Honors Algebra 2 – this course should only be taken by those that have completed both Algebra 1 and Geometry. If a student did not receive a B or above in Algebra 1 in middle school, we recommend that they retake Algebra 1 before entering Algebra 2.