



Middle School Math Placement Guidelines 2024-2025

Basic Framework:

- Middle school math placement criteria is established to ensure equitable access to the most rigorous course possible where the student is likely to be successful.
- Placement guidelines are established based on research and obtainable student data.
- Schools will review placement recommendations and consider any teacher and/or parent waivers.
- Math placement will look at the probability of success in the first level of high school math (EVAAS), End-of-Grade (EOG) testing, and current course performance.

Key Timeline:

- February-April: Elementary & Middle Schools will conduct their registration/placement process.
- Schools will review placement recommendations when they have final course grades & available EOG scores for the current year.

Typical Middle School Math Course Sequence

Current Math Course 2023-2024	School Year			
	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
5 th Grade	6 th Grade Math 6	7 th Grade Math 7	8 th Grade Math 8	9 th Grade NC Math 1 <i>(for high school credit)</i>
5 th Grade	Math 6 PLUS	Math 7 PLUS	NC Math 1 <i>(for high school credit)</i>	NC Math 2 Honors <i>(for high school credit)</i>
Math 6	7 th Grade Math 7	8 th Grade Math 8	9 th Grade NC Math 1 <i>(for high school credit)</i>	10 th Grade NC Math 2 <i>(for high school credit)</i>
Math 6 PLUS	Math 7 PLUS	NC Math 1 <i>(for high school credit)</i>	NC Math 2 Honors <i>(for high school credit)</i>	NC Math 3 Honors <i>(for high school credit)</i>
Math 7	8 th Grade Math 8	9 th Grade NC Math 1 <i>(for high school credit)</i>	10 th Grade NC Math 2 <i>(for high school credit)</i>	11 th Grade NC Math 3 <i>(for high school credit)</i>
Math 7 PLUS	NC Math 1 <i>(for high school credit)</i>	NC Math 2 Honors <i>(for high school credit)</i>	NC Math 3 Honors <i>(for high school credit)</i>	
Math 8	9 th Grade NC Math 1 <i>(for high school credit)</i>	10 th Grade NC Math 2 <i>(for high school credit)</i>	11 th Grade NC Math 3 <i>(for high school credit)</i>	12 th Grade
NC Math 1	NC Math 2 Honors <i>(for high school credit)</i>	NC Math 3 Honors <i>(for high school credit)</i>		
NC Math 2	NC Math 3 Honors <i>(for high school credit)</i>			

Placement Guidelines

For Rising 6th Graders to be eligible for Math 6 Plus

- Students must score a Level 4 or 5 on their most recent End-of-Grade (EOG) Test **OR** have an EVAAS Math 1 Probability of a 70% or higher.

For Rising 7th Graders to be eligible for Math 7 Plus

- Students must score a Level 4 or 5 on their most recent End-of-Grade (EOG) test **OR** have an EVAAS Math 1 Probability of a 70% or higher.

OR

- Students must have passed Math 6 Plus and scored a Level 3 or higher on their most recent End-of-Grade (EOG) Test

For Rising 8th Graders to be eligible for NC Math 1

- Students must have passed Math 7 Plus **AND** (a) scored a Level 3 or higher on their most recent End-of-Grade (EOG) Test **OR** (b) have an EVAAS Probability of a 70% or higher.

OR

- Scored a Level 5 on their 7th grade EOG ([HB986](#)), regardless of previous Math course.



Defining the Data Points:

- EVAAS is a program from SAS that is used in districts across North Carolina. It uses the past testing history of a student to identify the probability that the student will be successful (scoring a Level 4 or higher) in NC Math 1.
- End-of-Grade (EOG) tests are state tests 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 their 4th Grade EOG since they have not yet taken the 5th grade EOG).
- Since final grades are not known at the time of making initial placements, semester grades will be used for initial placements. Placement of students who fail their current course should be reviewed for appropriate placement in math.
- At the end of the school year, current EOG scores and final course grades will be reviewed to determine if a change in placement is necessary.

Important Points:

- 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.
- The parent/legal guardian or teacher may request a higher placement by submitting a waiver form. All waivers must be approved by the principal.
- Only 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). However, by meeting the criteria or with principal approval, a student may move from Math 6 to Math 7 Plus (this is not skipping an entire course).
- Semester 6 Plus and semester 7 Plus will only be available at Magnet Schools. Students who seek this level of math acceleration at other schools may consider Single Subject Acceleration (SSA).

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