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**VENTURE ACADEMY FAMILY OF SCHOOLS**  
**Ninth Grade Mathematics Placement Protocol**  
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The California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015, enacted as SB 359, mandates that schools adopt a fair, objective and transparent mathematics placement policy for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. In compliance with SB 359, Venture Academy Family of Schools has developed the following placement protocol. For the full Venture Academy Math Placement policy, please refer to our webpage or student handbook.

**INITIAL PLACEMENT**

Ninth grade initial placement determination will be made prior to the start of the first semester of 9<sup>th</sup> grade. A re-evaluation will occur for all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students within the first 30 days of the fall semester. The chart below outlines the multiple measures used to determine initial math placement for 9<sup>th</sup> graders and to re-evaluate placement after 30 days.

Incoming 9th Grade Students		
	Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1	Algebra 2, Geometry, or Integrated 2
Math Grade	All 9th grade students are enrolled in Algebra 1 or Integrated Math 1 unless they meet the criteria for Algebra 2, Geometry, or Integrated Math 2.	Pass Algebra 1 or Integrated Math 1 with a C or better
CAASPP Score		Exceeds Standards
MDTP Readiness Test		Surpass readiness for Algebra 1
Star Renaissance		Score >1110
*After using multiple measures to initially place students, counselors/administration will confirm placement for all 9th grade students in Fall Semester of 9th Grade using the same criteria as above.		

**APPEAL PROCESS**

A 9<sup>th</sup> grade student's parent(s)/guardian(s) may appeal the student's math placement within 10 school days of the placement, or within 10 school days of a re-evaluation placement decision. The Administrator or designee shall respond to the appeal in writing to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) within 10 school days of receiving the appeal. The decision of the Administrator or designee shall be final.



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