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## Bonita Unified Math Placement Protocol (SB 359)

The California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015 requires that LEA's have adopted a fair, objective and transparent mathematics placement policy for pupils entering grade 9. The bill further requires the placement policy systematically take multiple academic measures of pupil performance into consideration.

Bonita Unified believes that placement in appropriate mathematics courses is critically important for a student during his/her middle and high school years. Misplacement in the sequence of mathematics courses creates a number of barriers to academic success and results in pupils being less competitive for college admissions.

Currently both all BUSD secondary schools have a multiple-measure placement system to ensure successful transitions. This multiple measure system includes:

- The MDTP (Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Project) which is designed to measure student readiness for a broad range of courses, and is given to all BUSD students in grade 6 – Pre-Calculus
- CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) scores.
- Quarter and Semester grades

Student placement is reviewed quarterly based on teacher input and student success. BUSD works closely with parents/guardians to ensure successful placement in the appropriate course. Parents/guardians who have questions about their students placement should contact their students counselor.

Bonita Unified Board Policy 6152.1 on Placement in Mathematics classes is available at <http://www.gamutonline.net/district/bonitausd/>