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Guidelines: Advanced Math Placement and Parent Request for Removal from Advanced Math

Follow House Bill 986 when placing students:
House Bill 986 Part 2, Section 2a

PART II. ENROLLMENT IN ADVANCED MATHEMATICS COURSES
SECTION 2.(a) Part 1 of Article 8 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read: "§ 115C-81.36. Advanced courses in mathematics.

(a) When practicable, local boards of education shall offer advanced courses in mathematics in all grades three and higher.

(b) When advanced courses are offered in mathematics, any student scoring a level five on the end-of-grade or end-of-course test for the mathematics course in which the student was most recently enrolled shall be enrolled in the advanced course for the next mathematics course in which the student is enrolled. A student in seventh grade scoring a level five on the seventh grade mathematics end-of-grade test shall be enrolled in a high school level mathematics course in eighth grade. No student who qualifies under this subsection shall be removed from the advanced or high school mathematics course in which the student is enrolled unless a parent or guardian of the student provides written consent for the student to be excluded or removed from that course."

SECTION 2.(b) This section applies beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

Elementary School HB 986 FAQ
Middle School HB 986 FAQ
High School HB 986 FAQ
Drafts of Parent Communication - schools can edit and use these drafts as they see fit

Process for removing a student who scored a level 5 on their math EOG/EOC from an advanced math course:

1) Parent contacts the school to request the student be removed from the advanced mathematics course.
2) Principal/Assistant Principal (with other appropriate staff such as a counselor and/or teacher) contact the parent to discuss the benefits of an advanced mathematics course for their child, based on their EOG level and other available data.
3) Principal/Assistant Principal (with other appropriate staff such as a counselor and/or teacher) answer any questions the parent has about the advanced mathematics course.
4) Principal/ Assistant Principal provides the parent with the "*Advanced Mathematics Opt-Out Form for Middle School/High School Students*" (below)

If the parent chooses to proceed with removing the student from the advanced mathematics course:

1) Parent completes, signs, and returns the "*Advanced Mathematics Opt-Out Form for Middle School/High School Students*" (below)
2) School removes the student from the advanced mathematics course and places them in the appropriate standard-level mathematics course.
3) School counselor retains a copy of the completed opt-out form and files the original opt-out form in the student's cumulative folder.

Advanced Mathematics Placement Guidelines

According to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, students performing at a level 5 on a mathematics EOG or EOC test are considered to have superior command of knowledge and skills for the grade level/course being tested. The North Carolina General Assembly has passed a law stating that students who earn a level 5 on math EOGs or EOCs should be placed in advanced mathematics courses. These advanced mathematics courses will offer students challenging material which will help to maximize their potential.

In accordance with North Carolina law, if you do not wish to have your child enrolled in advanced mathematics, you must inform of your decision in writing. Please complete the form below and submit it to your school's counseling office.

Advanced Mathematics Opt-Out Form for Middle School/High School Students

Student name:_____

Student ID:_____ Grade:_____

School name:_____

I do not wish to have my child enrolled in advanced mathematics for the 2019-2020 school year.

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Parent Signature Date

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Parent Name (printed)

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Parent email Parent phone number