

Saddleback Valley Unified School District
9th Grade Math Placement Guidelines

The guidelines below were used for placement of 8th grade students into 9th grade math courses. These guidelines are reviewed and revised in accordance with CA Ed Code 51224.7.b.3.

8 th Grade Math Course	Initial Spring Placement		End of Year Placement			Final Placement	
	1 st & 2 nd Trimester Math GPA	Initial 9 th Grade Placement	3 Trimester Math GPA	Readiness Exam Score	9 th Grade Placement	Final 9 th Grade Placement	Checkpoint Exam
Algebra	3.6-4.0	Geometry Honors	3.6-4.0	NA	Geometry Honors	Geometry Honors	NA
	3.0-3.5	Geometry	3.0-3.5	NA	Geometry	Geometry	N/A
	2.0-2.9 *No trimester grade below C	Algebra 1	2.0-2.9	75% and above	Geometry	Geometry	N/A
				Below 75%	Algebra 1	Algebra 1	80% and above can move to Geometry**
	Below 2.0	Algebra 1	Below 2.0	NA	Algebra 1	Algebra 1	N/A

**Parent/Guardian can waive student into Geometry after the checkpoint exam.

8 th Grade Math Course	Initial Spring Placement			End of Year Placement				Final Placement		
	1 st & 2 nd Trimester Math GPA	Initial 9 th Grade Placement	Support Class Needed	3 Trimester Math GPA	Readiness Exam Score	9 th Grade Placement	Support Class Needed	CAASPP Results	Final 9 th Grade Placement	Support Class Needed
Math 8	3.0 and above	Algebra 1	No	3.0 and above	NA	Algebra 1	No	NA	Algebra 1	No
	2.0-2.9	Algebra 1	Yes	2.0-2.9	70% and above	Algebra 1	No	NA	Algebra 1	No
					Below 70%	Algebra 1	Yes	Standard Met, or Standard Exceeded	Algebra 1	No
	Below 2.0	Algebra 1	Yes	Below 2.0	NA	Algebra 1	Yes	Standard Exceeded	Algebra 1	No
								Standard Nearly Met, Standard Not Met	Algebra 1	Yes
	Below 2.0	Algebra 1	Yes	Below 2.0	NA	Algebra 1	Yes	Standard Exceeded	Algebra 1	No
Standard Nearly Met, Standard Met, Standard Not Met								Algebra 1	Yes	

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Science

Current Course	Criteria	Next Course Placement
	TRI 1 & 2 – Science	
Integrated Science 8 Honors	A or B	Bio of the Living Earth Honors
Integrated Science 8 Honors	C or below	Bio of the Living Earth
Integrated Science 8	A (Tri 1 & Tri 2)	Bio of the Living Earth Honors
Integrated Science 8	B or below	Bio of the Living Earth

*Teachers will have an opportunity after initial placement to review course placement and make recommendations to move a student into honors

Humanities Course Placement Guidelines 2020-2021 School Year

ENGLISH	
ENGLISH	CRITERIA
English Honors	English Honors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student wants to be in Honors • A or B (2 grading periods) OR English CP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student wants to be in Honors • A or B (2 grading periods)
CP English	All students except those meeting criteria for other courses listed.
English Language Learners	See SEL department for placement guideline

SOCIAL SCIENCE	
There is no social science course <u>required</u> for 9th grade.	
SUBJECT AREA	CRITERIA
Cultural Geography/History Honors/IB (ETHS, LHHS) Globalization/International Relations Honors (LHHS, MVHS) Human Geography AP (ETHS, MVHS, THHS)	Student wants to be in course U.S. History 8 Honors: A's or B's OR U.S. History 8: A or B
Globalization/International Relations Honors/MUN (ETHS, LHHS, MVHS)	Student wants to be in course U.S. History 8 Honors: A's or B's all trimesters OR U.S. History 8: A or B For students who have an extra interest in international affairs.

WORLD LANGUAGES	
SUBJECT AREA	CRITERIA
Spanish 2	Completion of Spanish 1: Student wants to be in course
Spanish 1	Student interest in the language and culture.
Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1, Spanish for Spanish Speakers 2	Spanish 1: Students who speak Spanish at home, possibly as the primary language. Student's ability to read and write in Spanish is not as well developed as the ability to speak.