

Tenafly Public Schools

Math Placement FAQ - 2025

When do we first offer leveled math courses?

In grade 6, students are placed into either Math 6 or Math 7 Advanced.

How many students are placed into Math 7 Advanced as sixth graders?

Each year, approximately 85% of 6th grade students are placed in Math 6 and 15% are placed in Math 7 Advanced.

Is there limited enrollment for Math 7 Advanced as a sixth grader? Are any core math classes capped for size?

No, enrollment is based on student readiness, not class size limitations. Exceptions to this are certain elective courses at THS.

How are students placed into Math 7 Advanced as a sixth grader?

Placement is based on NJSLA scores, report card scores, benchmark assessment scores, and teacher recommendations. For all other placements beyond 6th grade, placement is based solely on grade criteria (course average) and teacher recommendation.

Is there a placement exam for entry into Math 7 Advanced as a sixth grader?

No. Placement exams are only administered to students new to Tenafly High School who are not transferring from a public school in New Jersey.

If a student is in G&T, does this automatically qualify the student for Math 7 Advanced as a sixth grader?

No. G&T participation or qualification has no impact on math placement.

If a student is not in G&T, does this automatically disqualify the student for Math 7 Advanced as a sixth grader?

No. G&T participation or qualification has no impact on math placement.

When does a student need to take Algebra 1 in order to take Calculus in high school?

If a student takes Algebra 1 as a 7th grader, they will likely reach Calculus as an 11th grader. If a student takes Algebra 1 as an 8th grader, they will likely reach Calculus as a 12th grader. If a student takes Algebra 1 as a 9th grader, they will need to take Geometry alongside Algebra 2 or take Geometry with an outside provider in order to enroll in Calculus by the end of high school. Please see the THS Program of Studies for more information on outside courses or double math. Our Math Placement page has additional information as well.

Is it necessary to take Calculus in high school?

No, it is not necessary to take Calculus in high school, though students looking to enter post-secondary programs in engineering or the medical field may be required to complete Precalculus by the end of senior year.

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What percentage of THS students reach Calculus by 12th grade?

Approximately 50% of THS students reach Calculus by their senior year.

How often is a student's math placement considered or revisited, or reevaluated?

Math placement is done on an annual basis. If a student does not enter an advanced, accelerated, or honors-level course in one year, it does not mean that they would not be eligible for advanced, accelerated, or honors-level courses in future school years. If at any point in the first half of a school year a student is determined to be misplaced in their current course, a level change or course change is considered.