

Phase 2 Math Placement and Support Recommendation Model  
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Hello MM Team,

In response to the July 11<sup>th</sup> AB 705 math implementation guidelines from the Chancellor's Office, the Math Department has approved a new Math Placement and Support Recommendation Model, which we're calling "Phase 2." It essentially adopts the default rules put forward by the implementation guidelines.

In terms of its impact on students, the Math Department, and the rest of the college, Phase 2 dwarfs Phase 1. Like a software update, here are the "release notes" for this major version upgrade: 😊

- GPA will no longer be used for placement. Instead, it will be used for support recommendations.
- Math courses numbered 160 and below will be open access to all students. Basically, it is guided self-placement for these courses.
- Math 180 eligibility will require enrollment in high school Precalculus or higher, or approval by a Math Faculty Advisor.
- Students will be given recommended math courses depending on their major/program. (Guided pathways style.)
- Math placement tests, Geometry Competency Test, and Intermediate Algebra-Part 1 test will be discontinued.
- The Math Faculty Advisor role will be created to help give placements into Math 180 as well as give support recommendations for students who don't have high school GPAs (see attachment for details).
- We're still planning to offer Math 50, 51, 51+5, 71A/B, 71+7, and 71 (and possibly 70S and 71X).
- Math 61, 51A, and 51B will be phased out (and possibly 70S and 71X).
- Corequisite courses for Math 140, Math 150, and Math 160 will be developed.
- Support for statistics is still pending.
- Jumping options will be deleted (since there's no need anymore).

We're targeting Summer 2019 to implement Phase 2. Please read through the attached documents for further details.

Many math faculty have been and will be going above and beyond to support these changes. I'd like to use this e-mail to call out in particular Debbie Rivers. Without her unbelievable work ethic, leadership, and wisdom, we would be light years behind.

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