



Placement in Math Courses

In order to provide clear communication and to improve the placement process, we are providing the following information regarding math placement. Our intent is to place our students at a level where each student can demonstrate success not only in the current grade, but over the course of the middle school and high school curriculum as well. *Some variations may occur from the typical pathways outlined below and will be handled on an individual basis.*

Math Pathways – Middle School

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
1. Math 6	1. Pre-algebra	1. Algebra I
2. Pre-algebra Advanced	2. Algebra I Advanced	2. Geometry Honors

Pre-requisites for Placement in Advanced & Honors (high school level)

Pre-algebra Advanced	Student demonstrates exceptional ability in mathematics. Student achievement, test scores and teacher recommendations will be reviewed.
Algebra I Advanced	Student demonstrates exceptional ability in mathematics and has completed Pre-algebra. Student achievement, test scores and teacher recommendations will be reviewed.
Geometry Honors	Completion of Algebra I in 7 th Grade with minimally 80% or higher. Student achievement, test scores and teacher recommendations will be reviewed.

Potential Math Pathways – High School

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
1. Business Algebra	1. Algebra I	1. Geometry	1. Algebra II
2. Algebra I	2. Geometry	2. Algebra II	2. Business Statistics
3. Geometry	3. Algebra II	3. Pre-Calculus	3. Calculus or AP Statistics
4. Algebra II Honors	4. Pre-Calculus Honors	4. AP Calculus	4. AP Statistics

Freshmen will be placed in Algebra I unless review of the student’s junior high/middle school math grades, standardized test scores, teacher recommendations, and Math Placement Test score indicates the student is prepared for a higher-level math course. Placement of transfer students in grades 10-12 is dependent upon math courses already completed and grades earned in those courses. An official transcript is required for documentation.

Pre-requisites for Placement in Honors & AP (college level)

Algebra II Honors	Completion of Algebra I and Geometry Honors with 80% or higher, or Algebra I and Geometry with 90% or higher
Pre-Calculus Honors	Completion of Algebra II Honors with a minimum 80%, or Algebra II with a minimum 90%
AP Calculus (college level course)	An “A” or “B” grade in Pre-Calculus Honors is strongly encouraged, however, VCHS has an open access policy for AP courses.
AP Statistics (college level course)	An “A” or “B” grade in Pre-Calculus is strongly encouraged, however, VCHS has an open access policy for AP courses.