

FOLSOM HIGH SCHOOL

MATH COURSE ADVANCEMENT OPTIONS

1. **Course Challenge Test:** Challenge tests are offered for students who are seeking to progress and self-study in math. The math department would prefer that students take the course and learn the material during the school year, however the test is offered for students who have mastered the material. Students who earn a 80% (B) or higher will be placed in the next level course. The earned grade for the course challenged as well as ten credits will be placed on the students transcript. Once a student has challenged and passed the test with a B or higher they may not take the course for a higher grade or credit. The challenge test is given one time a year before the start of the new school year.

2. **Take the course from an accredited institution:** Students who are thinking about taking a summer course in order to advance in the math sequence should research and consider their options very carefully. These courses are much shorter than the full year course and may not provide enough time and practice to prepare you for the next class in high school. Some summer programs do not cover all the content of a full-year course so you may miss key concepts or skills. This is especially important to consider now that students are assessed on new, more rigorous content under the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The demands of CCSS leave little time for review of concepts that were supposed to be learned in a previous course. When considering this option, please also consider the following:
 - a. **Caution is advised!** It is the responsibility of the student and parent to ensure that any non-FHS course taken to satisfy a UC/CSU or NCAA subject area requirement will be accepted by the corresponding institution. Many independent study, online and distance learning courses are **not** approved as college preparatory-level coursework that meets the requirements established by UC/CSU Admissions and/or the NCAA Eligibility Center. Use the search engine at <https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist> to view the certified UC/CSU “a-g” course list for a specific independent study, online, or distance learning program. Visit www.eligibilitycenter.org for detailed information about NCAA course requirements.
 - b. Please be advised that the transcript will solely be used to place a student appropriately; the course will not be placed on a transcript or given credits towards their high school diploma.
 - c. Students must request transcripts from the institution in which the course was taken if needed for a college or the NCAA.
 - d. The full cost of any non-FHS course a student chooses to take, whether via independent study or at another educational institution, **is the responsibility of the student's family**. If required by the program, it is also the student's responsibility to locate and pay for an exam proctor who is certified by the institution.
 - e. It is highly encouraged to take a **Verification Assessment** to ensure that they are adequately prepared to be successful in that class at Folsom High School. The verification assessment is given one time a year in August before the start of the new school year.