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### **Colton 8th grade students and Parents,**

As we move into spring and the high school forecasting process, the Colton Math Placement Committee wanted to communicate the process for math placement in 9th grade. The committee determined that data points will be applied to all incoming 9th grade students to help determine appropriate placement at Colton High School. There are 6 data points. Students can be placed in Algebra, Geometry, or, in a few cases, Algebra 2. Each math placement has a criteria that needs to be met to get into the class. The data points and criteria for each class are below.

1. Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)
2. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)
3. Math Placement Exam
4. Math grade
5. Science grade
6. Geometry Placement Exam (*For students trying for Algebra 2 placement*)

**A Math Support Class will be assigned for students that do not meet at least 2 data points for Algebra placement and 220 on Math section of Maps.**

#### **Algebra Placement- The first 5 data points will be considered:**

1. Math SBAC: 2 or lower
2. Math MAP: 225-239
3. Math Placement Exam: Below 70%
4. Math Grade: Below a B
5. Science Grade: Below a B

#### **Geometry Placement- 4 out of 5 data points to be met for placement:**

1. Math SBAC: 3 or 4
2. Math MAP: 240 or higher
3. Math placement Exam: Above 70%
4. Math Grade: B or A
5. Science Grade: B or A

#### **Algebra 2 Placement- 5 out of 6 data points to be met for placement:**

1. Math SBAC: 4
2. Math MAP: 250 or higher
3. Math placement Exam: 75% or higher
4. Geometry placement Exam: 75% or higher
5. Math Grade: A
6. Science Grade: A

A placement process is being used in most school districts in Oregon. The math committee hopes that this letter brings some clarity about what math class your son or daughter could take next year at Colton High School.

Sincerely,

Colton School District Math Committee