

**Technical College Readiness Mathematics
Frequently Asked Questions**

1. When can districts implement the course?

Answer: Effective January 2017

2. For what population of students is this course designed?

Answer: The course is designed for students who have experienced difficulty in passing middle school mathematics End of Grade (EOG) assessments, have struggled significantly in the first one or two high school core mathematics courses, and have scored less than 34 on the Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test.

3. Who is eligible for this course?

Answer: This course is designed for students who need significant math support. Technical College Readiness Mathematics can be offered as a third or fourth course option to students who must meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

- Have earned math credit in Coordinate Algebra/Algebra I, **and**
- Have earned math credit or are currently enrolled in Analytic Geometry/Geometry, **and**
- Score less than 34 on the Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test.

Students who qualify according to these criteria may be offered the opportunity to take Technical College Readiness Mathematics as one of the four required core mathematics credits for high school graduation. However, qualifying students should not be required to take the course, and teacher recommendations, planned postsecondary enrollments, and other factors should be carefully considered in the enrollment decision.

4. What are the ACCUPLACER assessments?

Answer: See <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/educator/accurate-placement> and <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/inside-the-test>

5. Which ACCUPLACER assessment is required for this course?

Answer: The Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test is required for eligibility and as a post-test. Note: Eligible students must score lower than 34 on the Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test prior to enrolling in this course.

6. Who administers the Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test?

Answer: Local education agencies that opt to provide this course should administer the Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test as a pre-test and a post-test.

7. Who will fund the Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test administrations?

Answer: Local education agencies opting to offer this course will pay administration fees for Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test administrations.

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8. What are the mathematics sequence requirements for a student including this course in his/her sequence?

Answer: A student should have passed Coordinate Algebra/Algebra I prior to taking this course. A student should have passed Analytic Geometry/Geometry or be concurrently enrolled in Analytic Geometry/Geometry while taking this course. Note: Eligible students must score lower than 34 on the Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test prior to enrolling in this course.

Students who include Technical College Readiness Mathematics as one of the four core mathematics core courses required for high school graduation will need to complete three additional core mathematics courses.

9. Will this course have an End of Course (EOC) exam?

Answer: No. While Coordinate Algebra/Algebra I and Analytical Geometry/Geometry will continue to have EOC exams, the final exam for the Technical College Readiness Mathematics course is the Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test.

10. Will students who do not meet the minimum Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) placement score on the Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement posttest fail the course?

Answer: The Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test could be used as the course final exam but not as the final course grade; the assessment alone does not determine course pass/fail.

11. Is this course a core mathematics course?

Answer: Yes.

12. Could this course be used as a fourth course option to meet high school mathematics graduation requirements?

Answer: Yes.

13. Will this course meet diploma requirements for the military?

Answer: Yes.

14. Will this course support admission to Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) diploma programs?

Answer: Yes. This course is designed to support students in meeting admission requirements for TCSG diploma programs, including a 34 minimum score on the Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test. Students would need to complete all TCSG diploma admission requirements for admission eligibility.

15. Will this course support admission to Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) degree programs?

Answer: No. However, students who complete this course and certain identified technical college courses could become qualified for TCSG degree programs.

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16. Is Technical College Readiness Mathematics approved by the University System of Georgia (USG) to count as one of the 4 required math units for the USG's Required High School Curriculum?

Answer: No. The University System has not approved Technical College Readiness Mathematics to count as one of the 4 math units required for admission to a USG institution. To learn more about math unit requirements for admission to a USG institution, please review the USG's Staying on Course document at http://www.usg.edu/assets/student_affairs/documents/Staying_on_Course.pdf.

17. Does this impact National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) requirements?

Answer: It is highly probable that NCAA requirements will not recognize this course. Please investigate each case individually with NCAA.

18. Is the course appropriate for students who might eventually matriculate to University System of Georgia (USG) post-secondary institutions?

Answer: A student who completes Foundations of Algebra, Algebra I/Coordinate Algebra, Geometry/Analytic Geometry, and Technical College Readiness Mathematics, followed by the completion of College Algebra at a Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) institution, might be eligible for admissions to some USG institutions. Note that different USG institutions have different requirements for admission.

19. Will a course overview, curriculum map, and unit frameworks be provided by the Georgia Department of Education?

Answer: Not at this time. Hall County School District has agreed to share information if needed.

20. Will prospective teachers be afforded professional learning by the Georgia Department of Education?

Answer: Not at this time.

21. Will the effectiveness of this course be evaluated?

Answer: Yes. GOSA will analyze the course effectiveness and report to the Georgia State Board of Education annually.

22. What data needs to be submitted to the Georgia Department of Education?

Answer: Specific directions for a data file upload will be provided for local education agencies that opt to provide this course during Spring 2017. In the future, local education agencies will not have to upload data in a special file.