1. **What is the effective date when districts began to implement the course?**

   **Answer:** This course became effective in January 2017.

2. **What is the purpose of the Technical College Readiness Mathematics course?**

   **Answer:** This course is designed to help eligible students master the content needed to attain the minimum required TCSG enrollment score on the Next Generation Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test. The focus of this course is to help students meet the requirements necessary to enroll in the mathematics courses required for the TCSG technical college certificate or diploma they are seeking. Students who enroll in this course will be pursuing the High School Postsecondary Graduation Opportunity per the 2015 Senate Bill 2 (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-149.2).

3. **Who is eligible for this course?**

   **Answer:** This course is designed for students who need significant math support, 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 229 on the Next Generation Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test.

   Technical College Readiness Mathematics can be offered as a course option for students pursuing the High School Postsecondary Graduation Opportunity per the 2015 Senate Bill 2 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 229 on the Next Generation Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test.

   Students who qualify according to these criteria may be offered the opportunity to take Technical College Readiness Mathematics; 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](https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/educator/accurate-placement) and [https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/educator/next-generation](https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/educator/next-generation)

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:** Per College Board, beginning on Monday, January 28, 2019, classic ACCUPLACER tests are no longer available directly from College Board. By this time, ACCUPLACER users were required to transition to the next-generation placement tests. However, The Technical College System of Georgia received an extension on this until June 30, 2019. This extension would be applicable for all schools and districts who are working with their local technical college to administer the ACCUPLACER. Students must score lower
than 229 on the Next Generation Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test prior to enrolling in this course. For students who have taken the classic ACCUPLACER test, the qualifying score is any score less than 34.

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.

8. **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 curriculum maps, units, and lesson plans. These resources have been uploaded to the Teacher Resource Link on SLDS.

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

   **Answer:** Not at this time.

10. **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 229 on the Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test (or lower than 34 on the classic ACCUPLACER) prior to enrolling in this course.

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

    **Answer:** No. Technical College Readiness Mathematics will not have an End of Course (EOC) exam. While Coordinate Algebra/Algebra I and Analytic Geometry/Geometry will continue to have EOC exams, the course final exam for the Technical College Readiness Mathematics course could be the Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test.

12. **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.
13. **Is this course a core mathematics course?**

**Answer:** Yes. This course is designed as a support for students pursuing the High School Postsecondary Graduation Opportunity per the 2015 Senate Bill 2 (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-149.2) in order to help them meet the required placement score to enroll in a TCSG technical certificate or diploma program. Students pursuing a regular high school diploma will need to earn course credit in Coordinate Algebra or Algebra I, Analytic Geometry or Geometry, Advanced Algebra or Algebra II, and one additional core mathematics course to satisfy mathematics graduation requirements. When determining which additional core mathematics course should be taken, it is important for students to speak with their counselor about future plans after high school to ensure that the course taken will meet their postsecondary needs.

14. **Can Technical College Readiness Mathematics be taken in lieu of Algebra II/Advanced Algebra for students pursuing a regular high school diploma?**

**Answer:** No. Algebra II/Advanced Algebra is required to meet high school graduation requirement per the Georgia Department of Education Graduation Rule (160-4-2-.48). The Technical College Readiness Mathematics course can be taken to assist students with meeting the required ACCUPLACER score for placement into TCSG mathematics course options required to complete the requirements of the High School Postsecondary Graduation Opportunity associated with the O.C.G.A. § 20-2-149.2 (2015 Senate Bill 2).

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

**Answer:** This course is designed to help students meet the qualifying score needed to complete TCSG coursework requirements for the High School Postsecondary Graduation Opportunity per the 2015 Senate Bill 2. Students pursuing this option do not need to meet the four mathematics requirements outlined in the Georgia Graduation Rule; these students will need to complete two high school mathematics courses (Algebra I or Coordinate Algebra and Geometry or Analytic Geometry) and meet all other requirements outlined in the TCSG TCC, diploma, or associate degree programs in order to satisfy graduation requirements per this alternative option.

16. **Will this course meet diploma requirements for the military?**

**Answer:** Yes. Each branch of the Service has different requirements. For more information to advise students on educational requirements to apply to the U.S. Military, visit https://www.todaysmilitary.com/joining/entrance-requirements.

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

**Answer:** It is highly probable that NCAA will not recognize this course as meeting their mathematics requirements. Please investigate each case individually with NCAA. NCAA requires students to complete 16 core courses, including three years of mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher). It is up to each local school...
18. 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](http://www.usg.edu/assets/student_affairs/documents/Staying_on_Course.pdf).

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

**Answer:** Yes. This course is designed to support students in meeting entry level TCC and diploma mathematics placement score requirements for the mathematics courses required in the TCSG technical certificate and diploma programs, including a 229 minimum score on the Arithmetic ACCUPLACER Placement Test. Students would need to complete all TCSG diploma admission requirements for admission eligibility.

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

**Answer:** No. However, students who complete this course and obtain a minimum score of 245 on the Next Generation Quantitative Reasoning ACCUPLACER Placement Test, obtain a score of 57 on the Classic Elementary Algebra ACCUPLACER Placement Test, meet alternative TCSG placement requirements, or complete certain identified technical college courses could become qualified for TCSG degree programs.

The Technical College Readiness Mathematics course is designed for students who (1) need significant math support in order to make the minimum placement score for TCCs and diploma options at a TCSG institution and (2) are pursuing a Technical College certificate or diploma based on the requirements outlined in the High School Postsecondary Graduation Opportunity per the 2015 Senate Bill 2. Students who successfully complete this course and obtain a minimum Arithmetic ACCUPLACER score of 229 are eligible to take diploma-level TCSG mathematics course(s) required for a diploma program. Admission to a Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) institution is a multi-step process which consists of evaluation of prior academic experience and assessment for postsecondary readiness of eligible applicants.

Additional information related to TCSG admissions requirements can be found here: [https://tcsg.edu/tcsgpolicy/files/6.2.1p.pdf](https://tcsg.edu/tcsgpolicy/files/6.2.1p.pdf).
21. Is the course appropriate for students who might eventually matriculate to University System of Georgia (USG) post-secondary institutions?

**Answer:** The Technical College Readiness Mathematics course is designed for students pursuing a Technical College certificate, diploma, or associate degree program to satisfy the requirements outlined in the High School Postsecondary Graduation Opportunity per the 2015 Senate Bill 2. Students who successfully complete TCC’s, diplomas, or degrees that include articulated courses at a TCSG institution may transfer those courses to a USG institution. Admissions requirements for the University System of Georgia (USG) post-secondary institutions vary based on the institution. The USG’s Staying on Course document found at the following link provides additional details about USG admissions requirements [http://www.usg.edu/assets/student_affairs/documents/Staying_on_Course.pdf](http://www.usg.edu/assets/student_affairs/documents/Staying_on_Course.pdf).

22. 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.