Los Angeles Unified School District
Division of Instruction

Why take a 4th year of math?

Seniors: There are some strong reasons to take a 4th year of math

THE MATH COURSE YOU TAKE INFLUENCES COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Although you will meet your A-G requirements by passing Algebra II with a C or better, many colleges and universities recommend taking additional math while in high school. Taking any 4th year math course makes you more competitive in the college application process.

YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE MATH IN COLLEGE

It is almost certain that you will have to take at least one math course in college. Taking a year off from exposure to math could result in forgetting key math ideas and concepts, hurting your chances of success in your College math course.

CSU’s NEW POLICY REWARDS STUDENTS WHO TAKE A 4th YEAR OF MATH

New guidelines approved by the California State University (CSU) place students into college level math based on courses taken in HS, GPA, SAT/ACT scores, and your 11th grade Smarter Balanced Assessment score. Passing a 4th year math course with a C or better can bump students up to college level math as a freshman. Going straight into a General Education (GE) or higher math course means you won’t have to take support classes in college or attend Summer Early Start programs before you start at CSU.

DON’T WAIT, GET STARTED TODAY

Talk with your academic advisor or counselor about the math options you have available at your school. They can answer any questions you have.

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