



# PALISADES

## CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade Students,

On Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> we will be administering our annual placement exams that help determine the most appropriate Math course for students as well as whether students need additional literacy support. These are important so that students are placed at the math level that best suits them and not in classes that are so difficult that they struggle to achieve success nor in classes that are so easy that they are bored. To best prepare for this day, here are some items to keep in mind:

- Students should be dropped off between 7:30 – 7:45am at the front of the school on Bowdoin Street. Staff will help guide students to assigned testing room locations. Students should bring pencils as well as school picture ID if possible.
- The first test is a 70 minute timed literacy diagnostic. Students that struggle on this test will be offered additional support in reading comprehension and writing. All students will be placed in English 9A regardless of their performance on this test.
- After a short break, students will then take the Math Placement test which covers pre-Algebra, Algebra topics, and Geometry topics. Students will complete the portions of the test that correspond to the courses they have taken in middle school. This test determines if a student has sufficiently retained enough Algebra content that they do not need to take it in high school and are proficient with a sufficient number of standards to successfully enroll in an honors course. Even if a student has passed Algebra in middle school they may benefit from re-taking one or both semesters in high school to solidify their Algebra proficiency before moving on to higher Math courses.
- The Math Placement Test is 90 minutes but students will be able to stay for an additional 30 minutes if necessary. It may be helpful for students to bring a snack and drink for the break.
- Calculators are not permitted for use during the test unless a student has an IEP or 504 plan that specifically allows it. Please be sure to send IEP/504 documentation to Pali in advance, attention Mary Bush, and bring the permitted calculator on the day of the test. If you choose to mail the documents our address is 15777 Bowdoin Street, Pacific Palisades, 90272. Documents could also be brought on the day of the event.
- Students that receive extended time or small setting accommodations for testing will be assigned to separate rooms where they can receive these accommodations. Please be sure to send IEP/504 documentation to PCHS in advance, attention Mary Bush, so that student can be properly assigned to one of these rooms. If you are unable to send the documents in advance, you may still bring them on the day of the event.
- Students tend to finish between 11:00am and 12:30pm.

If you are unable to attend the May session, there will be a make-up day on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Check for updates at [www.palihigh.org](http://www.palihigh.org) regarding time for this session. Students that attend the May session will receive printed score reports with the Math results whereas those that attend the July session will not. More information on our placement criteria and what is covered on the Math Placement test is available on our website under the Math Department or by following this link:

<https://1.cdn.edl.io/swnmfZ08IYSm6YHjPPKUjbmNYXn4X3oImfKVb3wXhgWhKli.pdf>.