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## FOR 2016-17, CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE REQUIRED TO ADOPT A MATHEMATICS PLACEMENT POLICY FOR ENTERING 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

A <u>new law</u> called the Mathematics Placement Act of 2015 requires public schools, including charter schools, that serve 9th grade students to adopt a "fair, objective, and transparent" mathematics placement policy.

The policy must include specific criteria outlined in the statute, including a description of the objective academic measures that each charter school will consider in determining a student's mathematics placement, a provision for the annual examination of data to ensure that students are not held back based on race, ethnicity, gender or socioeconomic background, and a process for parents to question a student's placement.

Also, the policy must be adopted by the governing board of the charter school at a regular (i.e., not special) meeting and posted on the charter school's website **before the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year**.

Our office can assist by preparing or reviewing a draft policy and guidance as to compliance with the requirements of the Mathematics Placement Act of 2015.

For assistance with your charter school's mathematics placement policy, please contact Janelle Ruley or Daniel Robertson at the Law Offices of Young, Minney & Corr, LLP at (916) 646-1400. Or find us on the web at: <a href="https://www.mycharterlaw.com">www.mycharterlaw.com</a>.

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