

1 [Declaration of Policy - Eighth Grade Algebra and SFUSD Math Curriculum Development]

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3 **Motion ordering submitted to the voters at an election to be held on March 5, 2024, a**
4 **Declaration of Policy urging the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to offer**
5 **Algebra 1 to students by the eighth grade, and supporting the SFUSD in its efforts to**
6 **develop its math curriculum for students at all grade levels.**

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8 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby submits the following declaration of
9 policy to the voters of the City and County of San Francisco, at an election to be held on
10 March 5, 2024.

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12 **Declaration of Policy declaring it the official policy of the City and County of San**
13 **Francisco to urge the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to offer Algebra 1**
14 **to students by the eighth grade, and to support the SFUSD in its efforts to develop its**
15 **math curriculum for students at all grade levels.**

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17 The People of the City and County of San Francisco hereby declare:

18 It shall be the official policy of the City and County of San Francisco to urge the San
19 Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to offer Algebra 1 to students by the eighth grade.
20 It shall also be the official policy of the City and County of San Francisco to support the
21 SFUSD in:

- 22 • developing a coherent math curriculum for elementary and middle school students
23 rooted in educational excellence;

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- 2 • ensuring that math instruction is student-centered so that students who are
 - 3 struggling get the help they need, and students who are ready for more, can explore
 - 4 their potential;
 - 5 • building a first-rate math curriculum and instruction team that is committed to
 - 6 serving students in a challenging, engaging, student-centered, culturally-
 - 7 responsive, and differentiated way;
 - 8 • providing a range of educational options to ensure that elementary and middle
 - 9 school students have access to courses that would qualify them for science,
 - 10 technology, engineering, and math majors at colleges in the University of California
 - 11 and California State University systems;
 - 12 • promoting targeted approaches to math education and career guidance for girls to
 - 13 address the historic underrepresentation of women in certain science, technology,
 - 14 engineering, and math fields;
 - 15 • providing support and guidance to educators so they may be successful in their
 - 16 efforts to encourage and support students' desire to learn algebra; and
 - 17 • meaningfully addressing the California Legislature's findings in the California
 - 18 Mathematics Placement Act of 2015 (SB 359), that 1) all pupils, regardless of race,
 - 19 ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background, deserve an equal chance to
 - 20 advance in mathematics; 2) with the shift towards implementation of the Common
 - 21 Core State Standards for Mathematics, it is particularly important for all pupils to
 - 22 have access to high-quality mathematics programs that meet the goals and
 - 23 expectations of these standards; and 3) it is crucial for educators and guidance
 - 24 personnel to advise pupils and parents on the importance of accurate mathematics
 - 25 course placement and its impact on future college eligibility so pupils may take each
 - course in the mathematics course sequence.



City and County of San Francisco

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November 13, 2023 Rules Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT


November 14, 2023 Board of Supervisors - APPROVED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai and Stefani

Noes: 1 - Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED on 11/14/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board