

Support Classes at Carlmont High School

Why does my student have a support class?

Based on your student's test scores and the Sequoia Union High School District approved placement charts (available at: <http://www.seq.org/STUDENTS--PARENTS/Info-for-incoming-9th-Grade-Students/index.html>), your student is not performing at grade level in the subject areas of reading, mathematics or both. These additional support courses focus on improving student's skills towards meeting grade level standards. Carlmont advocates that students remain in support classes to receive this focused instruction. We have your student's best interest in mind.

How will my student benefit from a support class?

Carlmont offers support classes in math and English. The classes are designed to help fill-in any gaps in learning or gaps in prior content knowledge. Students receive additional content-specific instruction to help support the learning in their college prep class. Lessons include scaffolded materials, review lessons, and vocabulary development. Lessons will also help build study skills and good work habits. Teachers who teach college prep classes work closely with our support teachers to ensure students are progressing toward their academic goals.

I am not sure that my student needs an English support class. What can be done before school starts?

- Your student should enroll in our summer Compass program. This program will allow for a smooth transition to high school. In addition, students will gain skills in the areas of math and reading.
- The enrollment form for Compass is available at http://www.carlmonths.org/documents/Compass%202017/Compass%20application_May2017.pdf
- The Compass program runs from June 19 - July 14, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm.

- Students will be given placement tests at the end of the Compass program. If students place out of support classes, they will be removed from the schedule before the beginning of the school year.

I am not sure that my student needs an Algebra support class. What can be done before school starts?

- Your student should enroll in our summer Elevate program to improve math skills. This program will allow for a smooth transition to high school.
- The enrollment form for Elevate will be mailed to eligible students.
- The Elevate program runs from June 14 - July 12, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm.
- Students will be given placement tests at the end of the program. If students place out of support classes, they will be removed from the schedule before the beginning of the school year.

What if my student cannot attend a summer program?

- Students in English and math support classes will be given a placement test at the beginning of the school year. If a student's test score warrants a change, students' schedules will be change during the first weeks of school.