



October 22, 2018

Dear Students,

Modesto Junior College is excited to share **new Math and English placement** options for students, and this probably affects you! A new state law (AB 705) was written to help students enter and complete transfer-level Math and English in one year.

Beginning fall 2019, Math and English placement will be determined by high school grade point average (GPA) in place of an assessment test. Students who have already completed an assessment test will receive a revised placement if using high school GPA improves their placement. This change is based on research that shows that a high school grade point average is the strongest predictor of performance in college-level coursework.

The changes may eliminate the need to go through a sequence of basic skills courses. Most students will be placed directly into college-level Math and/or English. Your new placement process will include a variety of academic and student support services.

If you do not have a high school record from the last ten years, you will be directed to a self-guided placement tool that will help you determine which Math and/or English course to take. Additional details about the self-guided tool will be sent to you in January 2019.

If you have any questions about your next Math and/or English class, please talk with your counselor or call 209-575-6789 for immediate connection to resources. For more information about this process and the latest information [click here!](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James E. Todd'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'J' and 'T'.

Dr. James E. Todd
Vice President of Student Services
Modesto Junior College