



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents  
District Instructional Leaders

**FROM:** C. Matthew Ferguson, Ed.D., Esq.  
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Division of College, Career, and Military Readiness

**DATE:** April 16, 2024

**RE:** Revised Mathematics Course Sequence Starting 2025-26 Academic Year

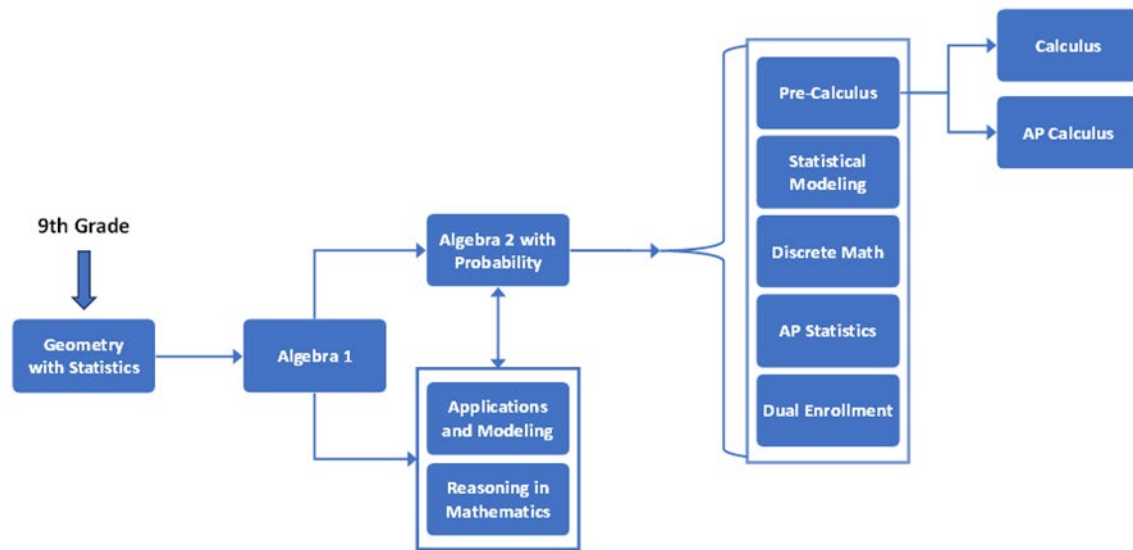
With the 2023 South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Mathematics Standards implementation, adjustments to the high school mathematics course sequence are necessary. Beginning from the 2025–26 academic year, students will complete Geometry with Statistics before Algebra 1. This alteration aims to provide a solid foundation in concrete and foundational mathematics learning, essential for grasping the more abstract algebraic concepts.

**Transition Plan:** Schools should continue to teach the 2015 South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards for Mathematics (SCCCRS) during the 2024–25 academic year. State summative assessments will also remain aligned with the 2015 SCCCRC during this period. The *2023 South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Mathematics Standards* will be implemented within 2025-2026, along with the new course sequence and aligned summative assessments. This transitional plan aims to maintain consistency and clarity for educators and students alike.

**Request for Waiver and Amendment:** The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has received approval for a waiver to the Universal Grading Policy (UGP) to accommodate this new course sequence. The waiver will ensure that students slated to take Intermediate Algebra or Algebra 1 in 2025–26 can seamlessly transition to the revised sequence. The Office of Assessment and Standards will provide additional guidance regarding a modified course sequence for students taking Intermediate Algebra in the 2024–25 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Ammons at [sammons@ed.sc.gov](mailto:sammons@ed.sc.gov).

## New Math Pathway/Course Sequence Horizontal



## New Math Pathway/Course Sequence Vertical

