



Strategic Innovation Academic Affairs Forum
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*56 people in total attended this inaugural event. Guest attendance above reflects those that provided contact information for future correspondence.

Q & A:

Q: Is it not true that not all high schools offer higher-level math courses- either due to lack of enrollment or lack of teachers?

There are several districts that do not currently offer AP courses. The SC Dept. of Education has been working on compiling an accurate list for the 25-26 school year, but it has been challenging to get consistent information. Many districts report that they offer AP through Virtual SC; however, most are actively steering students toward Dual Enrollment options and not emphasizing or discussing AP at all. The SCDE is actively reminding districts of the regulation that requires all districts to offer AP as part of their high school program.

Q: Will these results have an effect on the regular math standards and AAP math standards?

The current school is the first operational year for the new math standards. The 2025 standards include a revised high school sequence, requiring students to take Geometry with Statistics before Algebra 1. It is not yet known whether the new standards and math sequence will impact student achievement.

Q: Where can I go to find innovative curricula that have been successful in helping unprepared college students to succeed in college math?

Launch Years has the resources available at: [Curricular Resources for Higher Education | UT Dana Center](#)

