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Should a Math Leaving Exam Be Required?

When I was in high school a leaving math exam was not mandatory. Should this change? Would a math exam encourage people to get better results? What are the advantages and disadvantages of a math leaving exam?

One of the advantages is that a math exam would be a wonderful way to encourage a lot of young people to study technical subjects. Moreover, math exams help to develop logical and critical thinking. What I am saying is that people should be educated in different fields of study, and this could be a good way. In addition, math exams could separate the wheat from the chaff, because I think that every college student should be able to pass it.

Now I would like to move on to the negatives. As you are probably aware, every person is different and not everyone has a sufficient mathematical thinking. This could cause serious problems, for example, in the medical field. There could be a lack of nurses because of their poor math skills. Subsequently, students tend to hate math, so this exam could make their fear even worse and cause more negatives than positives.

To summarize my thoughts, I do not think a mandatory math exam is the right way. I would rather see the possibility of choice according to each student’s interests.