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Math Lab is closing after 20-year run at Highline

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A resource for

Highline students is closing its doors after 20 years of service.

The Math Lab will no longer be offered after Fall Quarter.

“The Math Lab opened in the mid 1970s as a way for the Math Department to meet the needs of students that required a slower pace through pre-college math curriculum,” said Mathematics Instructor Dusty Wilson.

The Math Department has

decided it could better meet the needs of those students through other avenues.

The new curriculum that will be offered will be two- and three-credit versions of the Preparation for Algebra and Beginning Algebra courses.

“These slower-paced courses will address the needs of those students who benefited from the Math Lab,” said Wilson. “We feel it will do this while increasing the completion rates and generating more revenue for the institution.”

The program was designed to meet the needs of students who experienced severe anxiety, or wanted to complete multiple courses at the same time.

“The Math Lab has historically cost money for the college,” said Wilson. “If we felt that the benefit was still worth it we would not have closed it.”

“We feel it is not necessarily a bad thing, hands down it will be a very good thing for Highline,” said Wilson. “It served its purpose, and now we have a better approach.”