



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, multiple measures are used to place students into core content courses. Please see each section below for further details of requirements and placement.

MATH PLACEMENT

Current 7th grade students' placement will be determined using a combination of each student's 2023 NJSLA math score, their 2024 LinkIt! Benchmark C score, their MAP Algebra Readiness exam score, and their Marking Period 1-3 average. Students who are currently enrolled in Math 7 and Honors Math 7 will take the MAP Algebra Screener placement test in their math classes during the **week of March 11th**. This assessment is used as a predictive indicator of the student's Algebra readiness. Math teachers will be sharing more information with students regarding the Algebra Screener closer to the testing date. Registration is not required for math placement tests.

Current 8th grade students should consult the High School Program of Studies for placement information. Ninth grade math placement is determined by the student's final grade earned in their 8th grade math course.

ELA PLACEMENT

Current 7th grade students' placement will be determined using a combination of each student's 2023 NJSLA ELA score, their 2024 LinkIt! Benchmark C score, their Marking Period 1-3 average, and the Critical Reading Writing Response (CRWR) task. The CRWR task, an On Demand Writing assessment, will assess students' writing skills, which are integral to literacy success.

Current 8th grade students should consult the High School Program of Studies for placement information. Ninth grade ELA placement is determined by the student's final grade earned in their 8th grade ELA course.

Students interested in advancing placement from regular ELA to honors ELA for grades 8 or 9 **must register** to take the English CRWR placement test through completing the Google Form linked [HERE](#). Registration will **close March 12, 2024 at 8:00am**. The placement exam for both grades will be given after school in the Satz cafeteria on March 20th and March 21st. Students will be given up to two hours to complete each placement exam, beginning at 3:15pm. If your child utilizes the full two hours for the exam, transportation will need to be provided, as the last available bus leaves at 4:30pm. Make-up testing will take place the week of March 25th.

SCIENCE and SOCIAL SCIENCES PLACEMENT

Current 8th grade students who wish to be eligible for Honors or AP level Science and/or Social Studies courses for their 9th grade year must register and take a placement assessment as one component of the placement process. Students interested in honors or AP placement **must register** to take the placement tests through completing the Google Form linked [HERE](#). Registration will **close March 12, 2024 at 8:00am**. The assessments will be given after school on March 20th and 21st. Students will be given up to two hours to complete each placement exam, beginning at 3:15pm. If your child utilizes the full two hours for the exam, transportation will need to be provided, as the last available bus leaves at 4:30pm. If a student is testing for both departments, they will be scheduled for both days of testing. If a student is testing for only one department, you will be notified of their assigned testing date via email no later than March 15th. Make-up testing will take place the week of March 25th.

Please note: Rising 9th grade students will not be eligible for waivers into Honors Biology if they do not take the placement test. Waivers are not available for placement into 9th grade AP Environmental Science. Likewise, rising 8th and 9th grade students will not be eligible for waivers into Honors English and Honors World Civilizations if they do not take the placement test. Waivers are not available for placement into 9th grade AP World History.

Please refer to [THIS](#) document for detailed and specific placement criteria for all courses.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the appropriate departmental supervisor:

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Respectfully,



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