HOLMDEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

2024 - 2025 COURSE PLACEMENT CRITERIA`

See below for waiver guidelines

Rising Grades 6, 7 & 8

Assessment items listed in red are administered after school and require additional registration.

English Language Arts (ELA)		
ELA 5 into **Honors ELA 6** ***Must earn a minimum of 6 points for placement; waivers considered at 4-5 points.***	**Winter MAP Score:** 75th - 89th percentile (1 pt) 90th - 100th percentile (2 pts) **2022 - 2023 NJSLA ELA:** 777 - 799 (1 pt) 800 - 850 (2 pts)	**Marking Period 1 - 3 Average** English 5: 93 - 95% (1 pt) English 5: ≥ 96 % (2 pts) **On Demand Writing** Rubric Score: 5 - 6 (1 pt) Rubric Score: 7 - 8 (2 pts)
ELA 6 into **Honors ELA 7** ***Must earn a minimum of 6 points for placement; waivers considered at 4-5 points.***	**From Honors ELA 6:** Marking Period 1 - 3 Avg ≥ 86	
	From ELA 6: **LinkIt! Benchmark B:** 80th - 90th percentile (1 pt) 91st - 100th percentile (2 pts) **2022 - 2023 NJSLA ELA:** 800 - 825 (1 pt) 826 - 850 (2 pts)	**Marking Period 1 - 3 Average** English 6: 93 - 95% (1 pt) English 6: ≥ 96% (2 pts) **On Demand Writing** Rubric Score: 5 - 6 (1 pt) Rubric Score: 7 - 8 (2 pts)
ELA 7 into **Honors ELA 8** ***Must earn a minimum of 6 points for placement; waivers considered at 4-5 points.***	**From Honors ELA 7** Marking Period Avg 1 - 3 ≥ 86	
	From ELA 7 **LinkIt! Benchmark C:** 80th - 90th percentile (1 pt) 91st - 100th percentile (2 pts) **2022 - 2023 NJSLA ELA:** 800 - 825 (1 pt) 826 - 850 (2 pts)	**Marking Period 1 - 3 Average** English 7: 93 - 95 (1 pt) English 7: ≥ 96 (2 pts) **On Demand Writing** Rubric Score: 5 - 6 (1 pt) Rubric Score: 7 - 8 (2 pts)

Math		
Math 5 into **Honors Math 6** ***Must earn a minimum of 6 points for placement; waivers considered at 4-5 points.***	**Winter MAP Score:** 75th - 89th percentile (1 pt) 90th - 100th percentile (2 pts) **2022 - 2023 NJSLA Math:** 777 - 799 (1 pt) 800 - 850 (2 pts)	**Marking Period 1 - 3 Average:** Math 5: 93 - 95% (1 pt) Math 5: ≥ 96% (2 pts) **MOY HMH Growth Measure:** 720 - 824 Quantile score (1 pt) ≥825 Quantile score (2 pts)
Math 6 into **Honors Math 7** ***Must earn a minimum of 6 points for placement; waivers considered at 4-5 points.***	**From Honors Math 6:** Marking Period 1 - 3 Avg ≥ 86	
	From Math 6: **Winter MAP Score:** 80th - 90th percentile (1 pt) 91st - 100th percentile (2 pts) **2022 - 2023 NJSLA Math:** 770 - 799 (1 pt) 800 - 850 (2 pts)	**Marking Period 1 - 3 Average:** Math 6: 93 - 95% (1 pt) Math 6: ≥ 96% (2 pts) **MOY HMH Growth Measure:** 840 - 939 Quantile score (1 pt) ≥940 Quantile score (2 pts)
Honors Math 6 into **Honors Algebra I** ***Must earn all 8 points for placement; waivers considered at 6-7 points.***	**Winter MAP Score:** 90th - 95th percentile (1 pts) ≥ 96th percentile (2 pts) **2022 - 2023 NJSLA Math:** 770 - 799 (1 pt) 800 - 850 (2 pts)	**Marking Period 1 - 3 Average:** Honors Math 6: 93 - 95 (1 pt) Honors Math 6: ≥ 96 (2 pts) **MAP Algebra Readiness:** 60th - 79th percentile (1 pt) ≥ 80th percentile (2 pts)
Math 7 into **Honors Math 8** ***Must earn a minimum of 6 points for placement; waivers considered at 4-5 points.***	**From Honors Math 7:** Marking Period 1 - 3 Avg ≥ 86	
	From Math 7: **LinkIt! Benchmark C:** Meeting Expectations (1 pt) Exceeding Expectations (2 pts) **2022 - 2023 NJSLA Math:** 770 - 799 (1 pt) 800 - 850 (2 pts)	**Marking Period 1 - 3 Average:** Math 7: 93 - 95 (1 pt) Math 7: ≥ 96 (2 pts) **MAP Algebra Readiness:** 50th - 74th percentile (1 pt) ≥ 75th percentile (2 pts)
Honors Math 7 into **Honors Algebra I** ***Must earn a minimum of 6 points for placement; waivers considered at 4-5 points.***	**LinkIt! Benchmark C:** Meeting Expectations (1 pt) Exceeding Expectations (2 pts) **2022 - 2023 NJSLA Math:** 780 - 799 (1 pt) 800 - 850 (2 pts)	**Marking Period 1 - 3 Average:** Honors Math 7: 93 - 95 (1 pt) Honors Math 7: ≥ 96 (2 pts) **MAP Algebra Readiness:** 60th - 79th percentile (1 pt) ≥ 80th percentile (2 pts)
Satz Honors Algebra I into **Satz Honors Geometry**	**Marking Period 1 - 3 Average:** Honors Algebra I > 86* *In the case that a student earns less than a 73 in Honors Algebra I, they must retake Honors Algebra I.*	

Rising 9th Graders

All high school course placement criteria can be found in the High School Program of Studies. Please note: placement into 9th grade Honors and AP level courses in ELA, Science, and Social Studies require a placement assessment (registration required).

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English Language Arts (ELA)	
ELA 8 into **Honors ELA 9** *(As listed in the High School Program of Studies)*	**From Honors ELA 8:** Final Avg ≥ 83
	From ELA 8: Final Avg ≥ 93 **On Demand Writing** Rubric Score: ≥ 6

Math	
8th Grade Math into **9th Grade Options** *(As listed in the High School Program of Studies)*	**From Math 8:** All passing students* → Algebra I **From Algebra 8:** Final Avg: < 83* → Algebra I Final Avg: 83 - 92 → Geometry Final Avg: ≥ 93 → H. Geometry **From Honors Algebra I:** Final Avg: < 73* → Algebra I Final Avg: 73 - 82 → Geometry Final Avg: ≥ 83 → H. Geometry *Any student earning lower than a 73 is strongly encouraged to take Math Lab concurrently with their core math class.

Science	
Science 8 into **Honors Biology** *(As listed in the High School Program of Studies)*	**Final Average** 8th Grade Science: ≥ 93 **Science Placement Assessment** Assessment Score: ≥ 83% **NJSLA ELA** Score: ≥ 750 (Proficient)
Science 8 into **AP Environmental Science** *(As listed in the High School Program of Studies)*	**Final Average** 8th Grade Science: ≥ 95 **Science Placement Assessment** Assessment Score: ≥ 90% **NJSLA ELA** Score: ≥ 750 (Proficient)

Social Studies	
Social Studies 8 into **Honors** **World Civilization** *(As listed in the High School Program of Studies)*	**Final Average** Honors English 8: ≥ 86 English 8 ≥ 93 **AND** Social Studies 8 ≥ 93 **On Demand Writing** Rubric Score: ≥ 4
Social Studies 8 into **AP World History** *(As listed in the High School Program of Studies)*	**Final Average** Honors English 8: ≥ 86 English 8 ≥ 93 **AND** Social Studies 8 ≥ 93 **On Demand Writing** Rubric Score: ≥ 5

WAIVER OPPORTUNITY AND REQUIREMENTS

- *Initial placement into an Honors course for rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders necessitates that students earn 6 or more points on our 8-point criteria scale, with the exception of placement into Honors Algebra I from 6th grade honors. Criteria includes standardized state assessments, standardized district assessments, classroom grades, and writing samples.*
- *Once placed in Honors, students must maintain a class average of 86 or higher to remain in the Honors level for the subsequent school year.*
- *Waivers for rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be considered if a student earns a score of 4 or 5 points on our 8-point scale. Students with scores of 1 - 3 points will not be eligible to waive into advanced courses.*
- *For rising 9th graders, students will be recommended to courses based on the grades earned the prior school year. At the time of scheduling, students may elect to take courses in which they are not recommended, therefore necessitating a waiver.*
- *All waiver students must have signed parent permission.*
- *All waiver students must complete additional summer prerequisite work by July 31. If a student has not completed the additional summer prerequisite work by July 31, their waiver will be revoked and they will be placed into the recommended course as determined by the above criteria.*
- *All students, especially waiver students, are actively encouraged to attend extra help sessions during the school year.*

Waivers will not be accepted after July 15, 2024.