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2022-2023 Course Placement Criteria for Rising Grades 6-9 (ELA, History, Math and Science)

- Preliminary placement in core courses is based upon multiple criteria including:
 - Student's cumulative grades in marking periods 1-3;
 - Performance on standardized assessments (e.g. NWEA MAP, iREADY or common grade level assessments);
 - Placement tests (ie. Problem Solving Test, CRWR, Science Placement Assessment)
- Students desiring enrollment in an honors course must meet the published criteria in order to be eligible for inclusion in that program. *This district follows a waiver policy.* Once parents have been notified of tentative placement results, should they further wish to discuss placement, they will be able to schedule a time to meet with the departmental supervisor. Following the meeting, students/parents wishing to request a more rigorous course than what is recommended are encouraged to carefully read and fill out the waiver form ([Rising 6th](#), [Rising 7-8](#), [Rising 9th](#)). Parents will receive notification over the summer if student placement has changed due to not meeting marking period 3 and 4 criteria and/or the student does not receive a proficient score on the NJSLA tests.



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Rising Grades 6-8 **MATH** Course Placement Information 2022-2023

	Placement	Pathway 1	Pathway 2	Pathway 3
5th into 6th	From 5th Grade Math into 6th Grade Enrichment Math (Honors)	Accrue 85% of points from the placement matrix. Matrix points are accrued using the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1st-3rd Marking Period Average, ● Problem Solving Test Score, ● NWEA MAP or iREADY Scores. Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA math score of 750 or better.	Waiver after supervisor consultation	N/A
	From Grade 6 Math to Honors Math 7	Accrue 85% of points from the placement matrix. Matrix points are accrued using the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1st-3rd Marking Period Average, ● Problem Solving Test Score, ● NWEA MAP or iREADY Scores. Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA math score of 750 or better.	Waiver after supervisor consultation	N/A
6th into 7th	From 6th Grade Enrichment Math to Honors Math 7	Maintain a final average of 86% or better Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA math score of 750 or better.	Accrue 85% of points from the placement matrix. Matrix points are accrued using the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1st -3rd Marking period Average, ● Problem Solving Test Score, ● NWEA MAP Scores. Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA Math score of 750 or better.	Waiver after supervisor consultation
	From 6th Grade Enrichment Math to 7th Grade Honors Algebra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maintain a final average of 96% or better ● Score in the 1st Quintile for Spring MAP Assessment ● Score of 90th percentile or greater on MAP Algebra Assessment Screener ● Receive an NJSLA math score of exceeding expectations 	Waiver after supervisor consultation	N/A



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Rising Grades 6-8 **MATH** Course Placement Information 2022-2023

	Placement	Pathway 1	Pathway 2	Pathway 3
7th into 8th	From Math 7 into 8th Grade Algebra	Accrue 70% of points from the placement matrix. Matrix points are accrued using the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1st -3rd Marking Period Average, ● Problem Solving Test Score, ● LinkIt Benchmark Scores ● NWEA MAP Algebra Screener Score. Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA Math score of 750 or better.	Waiver after supervisor consultation	N/A
	From Honors Math 7 into Honors 8 Algebra	Maintain a final average of 86% or better Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA math 7 score of 750 or better.	Waiver after supervisor consultation	N/A
	From 7th Grade Honors Algebra into 8th Grade Honors Geometry	Maintain a final average of 86% or better Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA Algebra score of 750 or better.	Waiver after supervisor consultation	N/A



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Rising Grade 9 **MATH** Course Placement Information 2022-2023

	Placement	Pathway 1	Pathway 2	Pathway 3
8th into 9th	Placement into 9th Grade Algebra	<p><u>From Math 8:</u> Math 8 (≥ 80)</p> <p><u>From Grade 8 Algebra 1:</u> Algebra 1 (< 80)</p> <p><i>**Note: if final grade in Grade 8 Math is < 70, students are required to take the "Algebra 1 Lab" elective concurrently with Algebra 1.</i></p> <p>SUMMER ASSIGNMENT REQUIRED</p>	N/A	N/A
	Placement into 9th Grade Geometry	<p><u>From Grade 8 Algebra:</u> Grade 8 Algebra 1 (≥ 80)</p> <p><u>From Grade 8 Honors Algebra:</u> Grade 8 Honors Algebra 1 (< 80)</p> <p>Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA Algebra score of 750 or better.</p> <p>SUMMER ASSIGNMENT REQUIRED</p>	<p>Waiver after supervisor consultation</p> <p>**NOTE: Students must have completed a full year of Algebra 1 and received NJSLA Algebra score of 750 or better to be eligible for waiver into Geometry.</p>	N/A
	Placement into 9th Grade Honors Geometry	<p><u>From Grade 8 Honors Algebra:</u> Grade 8 Honors Algebra 1 (≥ 80)</p> <p><u>From Grade 8 Algebra:</u> Grade 8 Algebra 1 (≥ 90) AND Department Recommendation</p> <p>Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA Algebra score of 750 or better.</p> <p>SUMMER ASSIGNMENT REQUIRED</p>	<p>Waiver after supervisor consultation</p> <p>**NOTE: Students must have completed a full year of Algebra 1 or Honors Algebra 1 and received NJSLA Algebra score of 750 or better to be eligible for waiver into Honors Geometry.</p>	N/A



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Rising Grades 6-8 **ELA** Course Placement Information 2022-2023

	Placement	Pathway 1	Pathway 2
5th into 6th	From 5th Grade ELA into 6th Grade Honors English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st-3rd Marking Period Average • Score of 7 or 8 on Critical Reading and Writing Response (CRWR)Test (given to all 5th grade students), • NWEA MAP Scores. <p>Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA ELA score of 750 or better.</p>	Waiver after supervisor consultation
6th into 7th	From 6th Grade ELA into 7th Grade Honors English From 6th Grade ELA Honors into 7th Grade Honors English	<p><i>STUDENTS MUST REQUEST TO TAKE CRWR TEST TO BE CONSIDERED FOR HONORS PLACEMENT.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st-3rd Marking Period Average • Score of 7 or 8 on Critical Reading and Writing Response (CRWR)Test • NWEA MAP Scores. <p>Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA ELA score of 750 or better.</p> <p>*Students currently in 6th Grade Honors ELA do not need to take the CRWR placement test to enter 7th Grade Honors.</p> <p>Students must maintain a final average of 86% or better and receive an NJSLA ELA score of 750 or better.</p>	Waiver after supervisor consultation



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	Placement	Pathway 1	Pathway 2
7th into 8th	From 7th Grade ELA into 8th Grade Honors English	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>STUDENTS <u>MUST REQUEST TO TAKE CRWR TEST TO BE CONSIDERED FOR HONORS PLACEMENT.</u></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st-3rd Marking Period Average, • Score of 7 or 8 on Critical Reading and Writing Response (CRWR) Test, • Common Grade Level Assessments <p>Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA ELA score of 750 or better.</p>	Waiver after supervisor consultation
	From 7th Grade Honors English to 8th grade Honors English	<p>Maintain a final average of 86% or better</p> <p>Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA ELA score of 750 or better.</p>	Waiver after supervisor consultation



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Rising Grades 9 **ELA** Course Placement Information 2022-2023

	Placement	Pathway 1	Pathway 2
8th into 9th	From 8th Grade ELA into 9th Grade Honors English	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>STUDENTS MUST REQUEST TO TAKE CRWR TEST TO BE CONSIDERED FOR HONORS PLACEMENT.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1st-3rd Marking Period Average, ● Score of 7 or 8 on Critical Reading and Writing Response (CRWR)Test, ● Common Grade Level Assessments <p>Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA ELA score of 750 or better. SUMMER ASSIGNMENT REQUIRED</p>	Waiver after supervisor consultation
	From 8th Grade Honors English to 9th Grade Honors English	<p>Maintain a final average of 86% or better</p> <p>Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA ELA score of 750 or better.</p> <p>SUMMER ASSIGNMENT REQUIRED</p>	Waiver after supervisor consultation



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Rising Grades 9 **Social Studies to AP World History** Course Placement Information 2022-2023

	Placement	Pathway 1	Pathway 2
8th into 9th	From 8th Grade ELA & SS into 9th Grade AP World History	<p><i>STUDENTS <u>MUST REQUEST TO TAKE CRWR TEST TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AP PLACEMENT.</u></i></p> <p>Prerequisite includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Studies 8 & English 8 with a grade of 90% or higher in each course <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Score of 7 or 8 on Critical Reading and Writing Response (CRWR) Test, <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honors English 8 (>86) <p>SUMMER ASSIGNMENT REQUIRED</p>	Waiver after supervisor consultation



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Rising Grades 9 **Science** Course Placement Information 2022-2023

	Placement	Pathway 1	Pathway 2
8th into 9th	From 8th Grade Science to 9th Grade Honors Biology	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>STUDENTS <u>MUST REQUEST</u> TO TAKE SCIENCE PLACEMENT ASSESSMENT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR HONORS PLACEMENT.</i></p> <p>Maintain a final average of 90% or better in 8th Grade Science</p> <p>Receive a score of 75% or better on the Science Placement Assessment.</p> <p>Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA ELA score of 750 or better.</p>	Waiver after supervisor consultation
	From 8th Grade Science to AP Environmental Science	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>STUDENTS <u>MUST REQUEST</u> TO TAKE SCIENCE PLACEMENT ASSESSMENT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE PLACEMENT.</i></p> <p>Maintain a final average of 95% or better in 8th Grade Science</p> <p>Receive a score of 90% or better on the Science Placement Assessment.</p> <p>Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA ELA score of 750 or better.</p>	Waiver after supervisor consultation