



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

2020-2021 Course Placement Information for Rising Grades 9-12

Please refer to the Holmdel High School *Program of Studies* for additional information.

Rising Grades 9-12 Requirements

- Program of Studies Course Prerequisite Criteria
- Grades
- Departmental Recommendation (teacher)
- Standardized Assessment Participation
- Placement Test (when applicable)

Course Placement Information

Preliminary placement in core courses is based upon students' cumulative grades at the time of registration in high school. Students who initially meet the published placement criteria (at the time of scheduling) but whose final grades fall below the Program of Studies published prerequisites will be removed from the classes for which they have been scheduled and placed in the appropriate course at the end of June.

Students desiring enrollment in an *Honors or Advanced Placement* course must meet the published criteria in order to be eligible for inclusion in that program. Students desiring enrollment in an Honors or Advanced Placement course must participate in the NJSLA examination associated with that discipline, if applicable. During 2020-21, NJSLA will not be used due to the pandemic and other measure(s) may be substituted.

Beginning with the 2021-22 academic year,

- Students who enroll in an Advanced Placement (AP) course at HHS are required to take the AP Exam in that subject area. The District will pay for all AP exams.
- The AP exam replaces the District's final exam and failure to complete the AP exam will result in a grade of "Incomplete" for the final exam grade. The incomplete grade for the final exam grade will result in a final grade of incomplete for the course.

In all cases, the published criteria for each individual class will be used to determine appropriate placement for the next year. The course placement criteria and timeline are posted on the district's website on the Curriculum page. The Grading System and Calculation of Final Grades are published in the Program of Studies.



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Beyond the Course Placement Process:

- The district has a waiver process. Each child's placement is considered using multiple criteria, however parents may elect to waive their child into a course.
- Students that are waived into an Honors Level or Advanced Placement class **MUST** remain in that class **for the entire year** if they earn a grade of 70% or higher in marking period 1.
- Students that earn grades of 69% or lower in marking period 1 may move into a lower level class at the end of the first marking period. This is done to maintain the balance of classes for all students.
- Parents and students are cautioned that the **final grade** earned will remain on the student's final transcript.