



## HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### 2021-2022 Course Placement Criteria for Rising Grades 6-8

- 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, or common grade level assessments);
  - Placement tests (ie. Problem Solving Test, CRWR)
  - Teacher course placement recommendations.
- Placement is considered finalized after standardized test results (NJSLA) are received and final grades are available.
- Students desiring enrollment in an honors course must meet the published criteria in order to be eligible for inclusion in that program. In all cases, the published criteria for each individual class will be used to determine appropriate placement for the upcoming year. *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. It is at this meeting that the waiver option may be discussed. 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](#)).
- Students must participate in NJSLA and district assessments (ie. MAP, common assessments) to be eligible for Honors classes and Algebra 1.
- Students who initially meet the published placement criteria but whose final grades or NJSLA scores fall below the published criteria will be removed from the classes for which they have been scheduled and they will subsequently be placed appropriately during the summer months. Parents will receive notification over the summer if student placement has changed.



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### Rising Grades 6-8 Math Course Placement Information 2021-2022

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



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	Placement	Pathway 1	Pathway 2	Pathway 3
<b>7th into 8th</b>	<b>From Math 7 into 8th Grade Algebra</b>	Accrue necessary points (TBD) on the placement matrix. Matrix points are accrued using the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1st -3rd Marking Period Average,</li> <li>● Problem Solving Test Score,</li> <li>● Common Grade Level Assessments</li> <li>● NWEA MAP Algebra Screener Score.</li> </ul> Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA Math score of 750 or better.	Waiver meeting with supervisor	N/A
	<b>From Honors Math 7 into Honors Algebra</b>	Maintain a final average of 86% or better  Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA math score of 750 or better.	Accrue necessary points (TBD) on the placement matrix. Matrix points are accrued using the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1st -3rd Marking period Average,</li> <li>● Problem Solving Test Score,</li> <li>● Common Grade Level Assessments</li> <li>● NWEA MAP Algebra Screener Score.</li> </ul> Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA Math score of 750 or better.	Waiver meeting with supervisor
	<b>From 7th Grade Honors Algebra into 8th Grade Honors Geometry</b>	Maintain a final average of 86% or better  Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA Algebra score of 750 or better.	Waiver meeting with supervisor	N/A



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### Rising Grades 6-8 ELA Course Placement Information 2021-2022

	Placement	Pathway 1	Pathway 2
<b>6th into 7th</b>	<b>From 6th Grade ELA into 7th Grade Honors English</b>	<p>Accrue necessary points (TBD) on the placement matrix. Matrix points are accrued using the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1st-3rd Marking Period Average,</li> <li>● Critical Reading and Writing Response (CRWR)Test (given to all 6th grade students),</li> <li>● NWEA MAP Scores.</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA ELA score of 750 or better.</p>	Waiver meeting with supervisor
<b>7th into 8th</b>	<b>From 7th Grade ELA into 8th Grade Honors English</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>STUDENTS MUST REQUEST TO TAKE CRWR TEST TO BE CONSIDERED FOR HONORS PLACEMENT.</i></b></p> <p>Accrue necessary points (TBD) on the placement matrix. Matrix points are accrued using the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1st-3rd Marking Period Average,</li> <li>● Critical Reading and Writing Response (CRWR)Test,</li> <li>● Common Grade Level Assessments</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA ELA score of 750 or better.</p>	Waiver meeting with supervisor
	<b>From 7th Grade Honors English to 8th grade Honors English</b>	<p>Maintain a final average of 86% or better</p> <p>Additionally, students must receive an NJSLA math score of 750 or better.</p>	Waiver meeting with supervisor



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### Rising Grades 9 ELA Course Placement Information 2021-2022

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