

St. Mary's Ryken 9th Grade

COURSE PLACEMENT

Please select a world language and elective(s) on the Course Selection Form, and bring it with you to your registration appointment. At registration, families will have the opportunity to discuss course placement, math and world language validation options, and electives with SMR staff. Remember, validation is not a requirement. See below for more information. Please contact the Admissions Team if you have any questions.

HONORS COURSES

Placement into Honors courses is based on the High School Placement Test (HSPT), not on previous grades. The verbal, reading and language scores of the HSPT determine English and History placement. The math and quantitative scores of the HSPT determine math and science placement. Typically, students placed into Honors Literature and Composition are also placed into Honors Ancient World History and students placed into Honors Algebra I are also placed into Honors Conceptual Physics.

MATH VALIDATION

After HSPT-based course placement, students who have taken Algebra I or Geometry in 8th grade have the option of taking an SMR validation exam to place into the next level of math, and therefore science. Please reference the SMR 2022-23 Course Catalog for the progression of math and science courses.

The math validation exam will be offered online on Saturday, June 4, at 9 a.m.

WORLD LANGUAGE VALIDATION

Students who took French, Latin or Spanish during middle school may take a validation exam to place into the next level of world language.

The world language validation exam will be offered online on Saturday, June 4, at 11 a.m.

SMR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Students who have been accepted into the SMR Scholars Program should arrive at their registration appointment prepared to accept or decline their offer so their schedules can be prepared accordingly. Scholars Program students have customized course schedules that incorporate their Scholars concentration courses.