



FMS Honors Program

Franklin Special School District
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*An introduction for
parents of rising
7th-8th graders*

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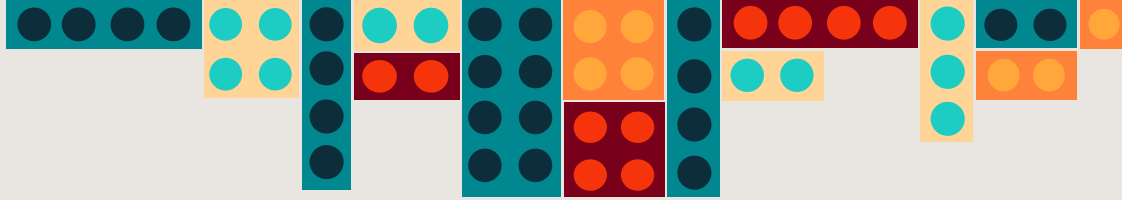
Honors Program Grades and Subjects



Grades: 7-8 at FMS

Subjects: English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science

High School Credit Courses in Grades 7-8: Algebra I, Geometry, French, Spanish, Computer Science Foundations







High School Credit Courses

- **Algebra I:**
 - No Reconsiderations accepted in 7th grade (can in 8th).
 - Algebra I in 7th is a prerequisite for Geometry in 8th.
 - Honors Math 7th is a prerequisite for Algebra I in 8th or a passing score on the IAAT.
 - Still must take 4 years of high school math courses!!!
- **World Language (2-year commitment):**
 - Spanish I-A or French I-A (must take in 7th grade)
 - Spanish I-B or French I-B (must take in 8th grade)
- **Computer Science:**
 - One year course (8th grade Related Arts at EMS)

WCS High School Math Sequence

Recommended Mathematics Sequence

8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
8 th Grade Math 	Algebra I Honors Algebra I	Geometry Honors Geometry	Algebra II Honors Algebra II	Pre-Calculus Honors Pre-Calculus AP Statistics Statistics Applied Math Bridge Math
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Expectations for Honors Participation

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FORMS

Parents must complete a Parent Commitment Form that explains the course expectations.

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PARTICIPATION

It's important that students actively participate in class, complete assignments, & maintain their grades.

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GRADES

Students must maintain a passing grade (70 & above) at the end of each quarter.

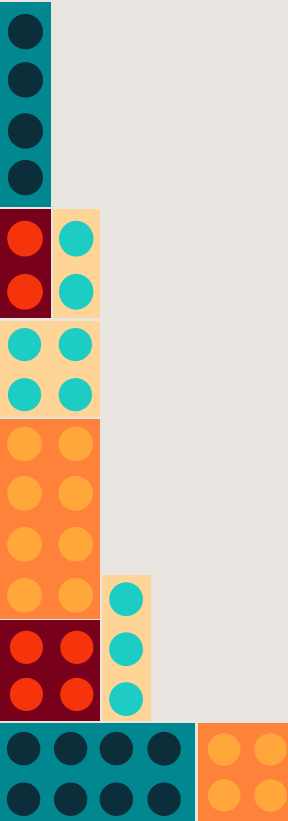
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DISMISSAL

Students who do not maintain a passing grade at the end of a quarter will be removed from the Honors course and rescheduled in another course.



Students Currently in Honors classes



*If you have a current 6th or 7th grade student in Honors classes and they maintain their grades for the rest of this school year, they will automatically roll over and be placed in the same Honors classes next year. Any program changes will not affect their status, and they will not need to re-qualify; however, there are entrance tests for taking World Language and Algebra I in 7th grade though.

Qualifying Scores for the Honors Program for 2022-23



ELA/MATH

Spring 2021 TCAP =
90th percentile & up on
ELA and Math subparts

OR

STAR Reading/iReady Math =
85th percentile & up
(Winter 2021-22
benchmark scores)



SCIENCE

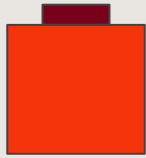
Spring 2021 TCAP =
90th percentile & up on
Science subpart

OR

STAR Reading* =
85th percentile & up
(Winter 2021-22
benchmark scores)

**There is no
benchmark
test for
Science.*

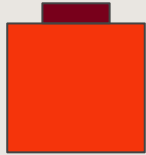
Tests for High School Credit Courses



Algebra I



IAAT
(Iowa Algebra
Aptitude Test)



**World Language
(French/Spanish)**



MLAT-E
(Modern Language
Aptitude Test-Elementary)

*These tests were administered at schools in February. Letters were sent home and parents may opt out if they chose to do so. 6th grade Honors ELA students did not take the MLAT-E, because they automatically qualify for World Language. **Please note that cut scores for these tests are determined annually based on the tested cohort.**



Timeline for the Honors Program



Parents were notified by mail in late March-early April about qualifying scores for Honors classes & for high school credit courses.



Parents who wish to complete a Honors Program Reconsideration Form must do so by **May 31, 2022**. These should be sent to a child's upcoming school. (This form was included in the recent mailout.)

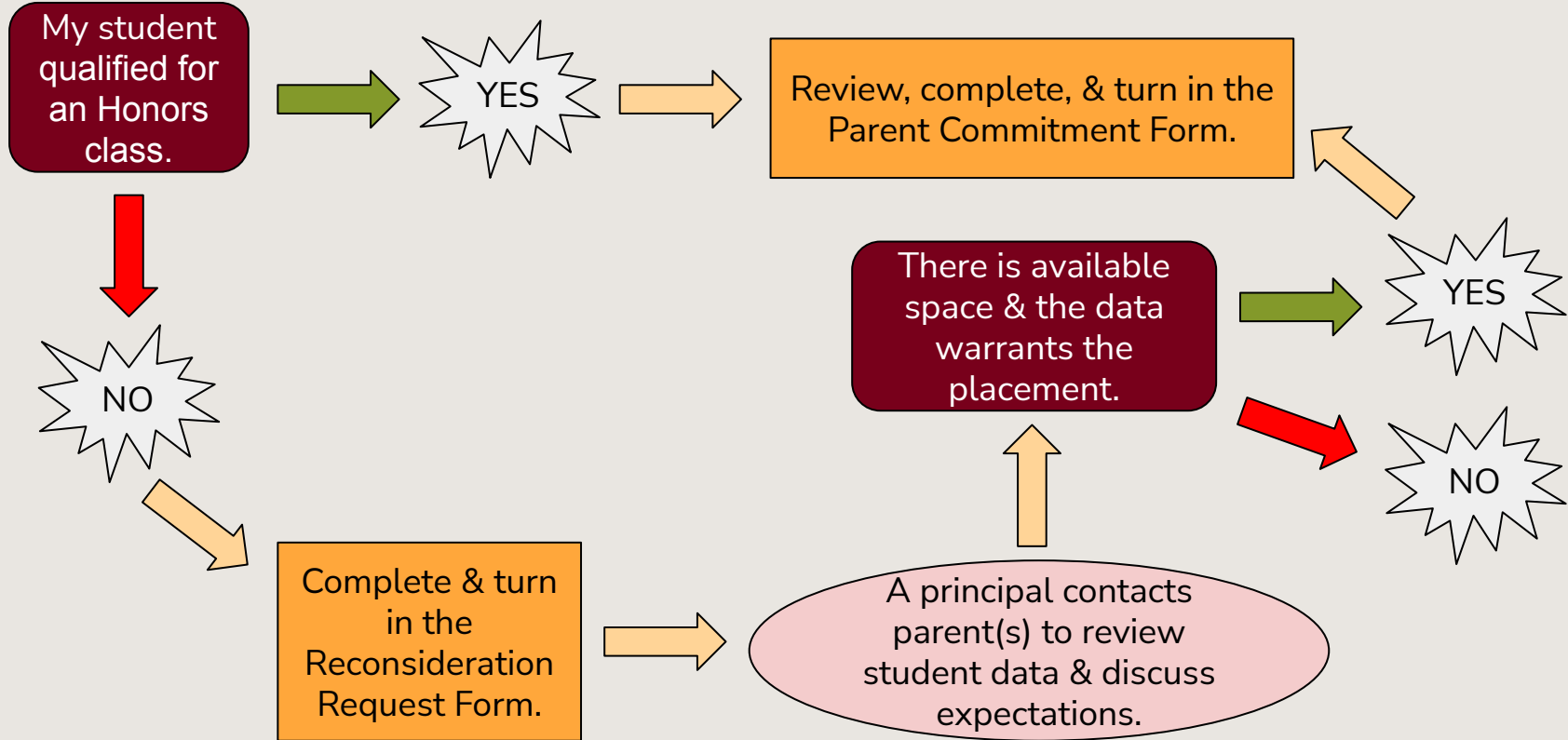
Additional Considerations for Honors Placement

- Previously students qualified for Science from their score on the EXPLORE Science test. That test is no longer being used.
- If a student does not make the qualifying cut score, it is the responsibility of the parent to request reconsideration by completing & turning in the Reconsideration Request Form by May 31, 2022.
- The previous process of parents completing an Override Form has been discontinued. The only additional item that parents need to complete is the Honors Program Reconsideration Form. (Those steps have been merged.)
- Reconsiderations are not permitted for 7th grade Algebra I.
- If a student qualifies for Honors classes but the parent does NOT want their child to be enrolled in any of those classes, they may complete and turn in the **Honors Program Opt Out Form**.

Final Considerations for Honors Placement

- For high school credit classes (Algebra I, Geometry, French, Spanish, Computer Science Foundations), the grading scale is aligned with WCS. Per state policy, withdrawal decisions for these classes must be made by the end of the 1st quarter. (*World Language classes will impact students' schedules for Related Arts.*)
- An administrator will contact the parent(s) in the summer about the Reconsideration request. The parent and administrator will examine multiple sources of data, including Spring benchmark results, to ensure they make the most appropriate decision for his/her child.
- If the parent and administrator have considered the student's data **and** space is available, the student will have the opportunity to enroll in Honors classes.

Diagram of the Process



Phases of the Process

1

Qualifying Scores

Notice by
end of March

2

Reconsideration Requests

Form due by
end of May

3

Review/Notification

Discussion with principal &
notice of acceptance before
school starts. Please be patient!
Admin will call to discuss during
the summer months.

*Parents must complete & turn in a new Parent Commitment Form at the beginning of the school year, regardless of the phase by which students enter an Honors class.

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Q&A Time

*What general questions do you still have?
(Questions related to specific students or
situations should be sent to school
administrators.)*

THANKS!

If you have any questions, please reach out to
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Thanks to
the teachers
& parent
liaisons.



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