

Placement for 9th Grade Biology

During the spring of the 8th grade year, Randolph Middle School teachers make determinations of 9th grade biology placement based on several factors: Science Skills Assessment score, Winter MAPs scores in reading and math, and teacher’s assessment of academic skills and study skills. Students will receive points based on the criteria in the table below that will determine where teachers recommend students to be placed for 9th grade Biology. Students have the ability to select a level lower than what a teacher recommends.

8 th Grade Assessments(Life Science)	Winter MAP Testing Reading	Winter MAP Testing Math	Academic and Study Skills
95 – 100 3 points	≥240 5 points	≥245 5 points	22-24 4 points
90 – 94 2 points	230 – 239 4 points	235 – 244 4 points	14-21 3 points
85 – 89 1 points	220 – 229 3 points	230 – 234 3 points	8-13 2 points
84 and lower 0 points	219 and lower 0 points	229 and lower 0 points	7 or 1 1 point

13-17 Bio Honors; 12-7 Bio A; 6 ≤ Bio B

**Total points earned will be used to make final placement. Ranges for the different levels of Biology are pending and are subject to change. Please contact the science supervisor with any questions or concerns regarding the matrix.*

Teachers will use their knowledge of each student and this rubric to inform the recommendation components for Academic Skills and Study Skills:

Key:

4 – this student exhibits these traits to a *high degree independently*

3 – this student *consistently* exhibits these traits

2 –this student *sometimes* exhibits these traits

1—this student *rarely* exhibits these traits

Academic Skills:

Student's Current Attributes:	4	3	2	1
Organizes and composes mechanically sound pieces of writing which respond effectively to the prompt.				
Possesses a strong and genuine interest in the subject matter.				
Develops and asks relevant and meaningful questions during class activities.				
Academic Skills Score				

Study Skills:

Student's Current Attributes:	4	3	2	1
Is attentive in class while regularly and constructively participating in class discussions.				
Is a highly motivated learner who makes every effort to improve.				
Carefully and consistently completes work by assigned due dates.				
Study Skills Score				