

Lompoc Valley Middle School
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Honors Qualification Requirements

LVMS offers honors level courses for English, Social Studies, Science, and Math for both 7th and 8th grade. To qualify for honors placement, **students must meet the criteria in columns A-D**, in the subject they are interested in.

	A. Honors Test REQUIRED	B. Subject Area Grade	C. Benchmark Testing*	D. Teacher Recommendation Required
English	80%+	85%+ in English (75%+ from honors course)	4 <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Exceeded	Yes
Social Studies	80%+	85%+ in Social Studies (75%+ from honors course)	4 <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Exceeded	Yes
Science	80%+	85%+ in Science (75%+ from honors course)	3 or 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Met or Exceeded for English	Yes
Math	80%+	85%+ in Math (75%+ from honors course)	4 <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Exceeded for math	Yes

*The school does not receive Benchmark Testing scores until late summer/fall. Due to this, we use students' scores from the previous year for initial honors placement. Students' qualification using this method is subject to adjustment based upon updated scores.

*In the **24-25 school year**, LVMS will be piloting a **new honors program system for Science**. Science Honors will be integrated with general education classes, however, students will be given honors class assignments and homework.

Maintaining Honors Placement:

- Students need to maintain a grade of 70% or higher every six weeks and at semester.
- If a student does not maintain at least a 70% in an honors course, they may be placed on probation for the next 4 weeks. At the end of the probationary period (4 weeks) if the grade is still below 70%, the student may be placed in a regular class.
- If a student enrolls in honors in 7th grade and receives a final grade of C or better in the course, they will automatically qualify for that section of 8th grade honors.
- If a student receives a D or F as a final grade in a 7th grade honors course, they will need to complete the honors test again and fulfill the requirements to qualify for 8th grade honors courses.

Appeal Process:

Students who do not meet the criteria, can submit an appeal for the subject(s) of their choosing to the Honors Committee. This appeal should be up to 500 words explaining why you are interested in being in honors, any circumstances surrounding your disqualification, and what skills would make you successful in an honors level course. **Appeal deadline is 08/20/24** . Email the appeal to uribecolima.adriana@lUSD.org If appeal is approved, students will be placed based on class availability.