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Middle School Academic Skills Placement Information English Language Arts and Mathematics

Students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade at the middle school can be recommended for a cycle or multiple cycles of Academic Skills based on their performance in English and/or math. Academic Skills is a class designed to support students in foundational skill development. A committee of teachers and administrators analyze student performance data every marking period to select students for this course. Identified students will be recommended by the committee for either five days a week of Academic Skills or two days a week based on student performance data. In selecting students for Academic Skills, the committee will review student data and select students based on their meeting the criteria below. Parents will not have the ability to opt their child out of Academic Skills. If there are questions about placement, please reach out to the department supervisor.

English Language Arts Supervisor: Brienne Valvano
Mathematics Supervisor: Charles Thomas

Criteria	Determining Data
Student Population	The student is a general education student.
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA)	The student did not meet or exceed the passing standard on a previous administration of the NJSLA in mathematics and/or English Language Arts.
Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Performance	The student scored below the 40 th percentile in achievement on recent administration of MAP and/or demonstrates inconsistency in their scores over a period of time.
Performance in Core Subject	The student's performance in their math and/or English class confirms a skill concern.

Every marking period, the Academic Skills committee will review student progress and make recommendations for students to stay in or exit the program. Exit criteria will include a



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comprehensive evaluation of student progress during the marking period. Committee members will evaluate student performance and growth on MAP assessments, core classes, and in Academic Skills.