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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Fisher Middle School is committed to providing the best possible education for our students. We believe that offering a variety of course levels in both Mathematics and Language Arts allows students to reach their highest potential.

This letter outlines the criteria for our Gifted and Talented program, specifically for Honors Mathematics and Humanities (English Language Arts).

**Humanities**

Students will be placed in Humanities based on the following criteria:

- An average of marking period grades
- An average of i-Ready Reading assessment scores
- An average of Writing Benchmark assessments

**Please note: Parent nominations are not required for the Humanities program**. All students not already in Humanities will be evaluated for placement using the criteria listed above.

**Honors Mathematics**

Students will be considered for Honors Mathematics based on the following criteria:

- Math Content Understanding Test
- Mathematics Problem Solving Test
- Mathematics Reasoning Test

If you would like to recommend your child for screening for the 2026-2027 Honors Math program, please submit a nomination using the Google Form provided below by:

**Friday, May 29, 2026**

Fisher Honors Math Parent Nomination Form:

Screening assessments for Honors Math will be administered in June 2026.

**Current Program Participants**

The criteria outlined in this letter do not impact students currently enrolled in Honors Mathematics and Humanities. However, to remain in either program, students must maintain a grade of 80% or higher.

**Program Goals**

These criteria allow Fisher Middle School to offer an Honors Program that is expanded to be more inclusive and equitable for all students. Students who are interested in enrolling in an honors-level course should keep in mind that the coursework is more demanding than non-honors courses, but also more rewarding. Successful students typically demonstrate the following attributes:

- Strong organization and effective time management skills
- Ability to analyze, evaluate, and interpret complex concepts
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to analyze complex texts
- Motivation to apply learning to real-life situations
- Genuine interest in the subject and willingness to engage in extra work

If you have any questions about program placement, please contact the Department Supervisors:

- Humanities: Sara Graja at sgraja@ewingboe.org or 609-538-9800 x2156
- Honors Mathematics: Don Wahlers at dwahlers@ewingboe.org or 609-538-9800 x5155