Central Mountain Middle School
Honors Class Placement Guidelines

Central Mountain Middle School is committed to providing a challenging and appropriate academic environment for all students. To ensure students are placed in courses that best meet their educational needs, the following criteria will be used for qualification into honors-level core classes (Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science, and History).

I. Qualification Criteria

Placement in honors classes is primarily determined by a combination of standardized assessment data and academic performance.

A. MAP Assessment Data

1. Mathematics and Science (Grades 5-8 Math; Grades 7-8 Science)

- **70th-100th percentile:** Students automatically qualify for honors Mathematics or Science.
- **60th-69th percentile:** Students are eligible for honors Mathematics or Science with a **teacher recommendation**.

2. English Language Arts (ELA) and History (Grades 5-8 ELA; Grades 7-8 History)

- **80th-100th percentile:** Students automatically qualify for honors ELA or History.
- **70th-79th percentile:** Students are eligible for honors ELA or History with a **teacher recommendation**.

B. PSSA Data

1. Mathematics and Science (Grades 5-8 Math; Grades 7-8 Science)

- **Advanced/Proficient:** Confirms qualification for honors Mathematics or Science.
- **Basic/Below Basic:** Students will be flagged for discussion regarding placement in grade-level Mathematics or Science courses.

2. English Language Arts (ELA) and History (Grades 5-8 ELA; Grades 7-8 History)

- **Advanced/Proficient:** Confirms qualification for honors ELA or History.
- **Basic/Below Basic:** Students will be flagged for discussion regarding placement in grade-level ELA or History courses.

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II. Alternative Qualification Pathways

Students who do not meet the initial MAP or PSSA benchmarks may still be considered for honors placement through the following alternative pathways:

A. Core Unit Assessment Average

Students who maintain an **85% average or higher** on their core ELA and Mathematics unit assessments are eligible for consideration and may be submitted for a **teacher recommendation** into honors classes.

B. PSSA Advanced Score

Students who achieve an **Advanced score** on the PSSA in a given subject (Mathematics or ELA) will qualify for **teacher recommendation** into the corresponding honors class (Math/Science or ELA/History).

III. Review Process

All qualification data will be reviewed comprehensively. In cases where a student's scores fall below the established benchmarks, a review of alternative qualifications will be conducted. Final placement decisions are made by building administration and aim to create a schedule that best fits each child's educational needs, ensuring they are appropriately challenged and supported.

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