



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Indian Hill School
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Dear Parents,

The following information is in regards to your child's math and literacy placement for the 2023-2024 school year:

MATH PLACEMENT

Multiple measures are used to place students into math courses for rising 6th -8th grades. As such, 2023-2024 math placement for current 5th and 6th grade students will be determined using a combination of each student's 2022 NJSLA math scores, their 2023 MAP and iReady/Waggle scores, and their Marking Period averages. For a detailed breakdown of how each component will contribute to honors determination, please see the placement document linked [HERE](#). If you are familiar with the placement criteria components previously used, please note that there will NOT be a problem solving test administered to students this year.

Current 6th grade students who are enrolled in enrichment (honors) math will take the additional MAP Algebra Screener placement test during the **week of March 6th**. This assessment is used as a predictive indicator of the student's Algebra readiness. Honors math teachers will be sharing more information with students regarding the Algebra Screener closer to the testing date..

ELA PLACEMENT

Like math above, multiple measures are used to place students into ELA courses for rising 6th & 7th grades. As such, 2023-2024 ELA placement for current 5th and 6th grade students will be determined using a combination of each student's 2022 NJSLA ELA scores, their 2023 MAP scores, their Marking Period averages and the Critical Reading Writing Response (CRWR) task. This additional measure is to evaluate students' writing, which is a critical component of literacy. All students in grade 5 and 6 will be given the assessment in their Literacy classes. This includes students in grades Literacy 5, Literacy 6, and Literacy 6 Honors. These assessments are scheduled to take place on **February 28th**. Details regarding the ELA placement components can also be found in the placement document linked in the first paragraph of this letter.

The CRWR tests are not summative, but more skill based and there is no preparation involved. ***You do not need to register your child to take the placement test.***

Make-up testing for both math and ELA will take place the **week of March 13th**. For additional information and details, you may refer to the course placement document linked at the beginning of this letter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or the appropriate district supervisor at any time.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out at any time.

Kind regards,

Lisa Vitale
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