



# HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

### MATH & SCIENCE PLACEMENT

Multiple measures are used to place students into math courses for rising 6th, 7th and 8th grades. As such, 2023-2024 math placement for current 7th grade students will be determined using a combination of each student's 2022 NJSLA math scores, their Spring 2023 LinkIt! score, and their Marking Period average. For a detailed breakdown of how each component will contribute to math placement in 8th grade, please see the 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. 9th grade math placement is determined by the final grade earned in each student's 8th grade math course.

Current 7th grade students who are enrolled in Math 7 and Honors Math 7 will take the additional MAP Algebra Screener placement test in their math classes during the *week of March 13th*. This assessment is used as a predictive indicator of the student's Algebra readiness. Math teachers will be sharing more information with students regarding the Algebra Screener closer to the testing date. Registration is not required for math placement tests.

The Science Placement Assessment for current 8th grade students to be eligible for 9th Grade Honors Biology and Advanced Placement Environmental Science will take place after school on *March 15th and 16th*. You must register to take the science placement test. To register your child for the Science placement assessment, please click [HERE](#) to access the Google form. The form will close February 16, 2023 at 8:00am. Make-up testing will take place the week of March 20th.

### ELA and SOCIAL SCIENCES PLACEMENT

Multiple measures are used to place students into ELA courses for rising 8th & 9th grades. As such, 2023-2024 ELA placement for current 7th and 8th grade students will be determined using a combination of each student's 2022 NJSLA ELA scores, their 2022-2023 Spring 2023 LinkIt! scores, their Marking Period averages, and the Critical Reading Writing Response (CRWR) task.

The CRWR is an On Demand Writing task that will evaluate students' writing skills, which are a critical component of literacy. This assessment is scheduled to take place during the *week of February 21st* in students' English classes. 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.

Honors ELA 8, Honors English 9, Honors World Civilization, and AP World History placement will be determined by this [criteria](#). Please complete the [form](#) to indicate which Social Sciences class you would like your child to be considered for in 9th grade (this is based on meeting the course criteria).

For additional information and detail, you may refer to the course placement document linked at several points in this letter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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