



# HOLMDEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

## 2024 - 2025 COURSE PLACEMENT CRITERIA

See below for waiver guidelines

### Rising Grades 6, 7 & 8

Assessment items listed in red are administered after school and require additional registration.

English Language Arts (ELA)	
<p>ELA 5 into Honors ELA 6</p> <p><u>Must earn a minimum of 6 points for placement; waivers considered at 4-5 points.</u></p>	<p><b>Winter MAP Score:</b> 75th - 89th percentile (1 pt) 90th - 100th percentile (2 pts)</p> <p><b>2022 - 2023 NJSLA ELA:</b> 777 - 799 (1 pt) 800 - 850 (2 pts)</p> <p><b>Marking Period 1 - 3 Average</b> English 5: 93 - 95% (1 pt) English 5: <math>\geq 96\%</math> (2 pts)</p> <p><b>On Demand Writing</b> Rubric Score: 5 - 6 (1 pt) Rubric Score: 7 - 8 (2 pts)</p>
<p>ELA 6 into Honors ELA 7</p> <p><u>Must earn a minimum of 6 points for placement; waivers considered at 4-5 points.</u></p>	<p><b>From Honors ELA 6:</b></p> <p>Marking Period 1 - 3 Avg <math>\geq 86</math></p>
	<p><b>From ELA 6:</b></p> <p><b>LinkIt! Benchmark B:</b> 80th - 90th percentile (1 pt) 91st - 100th percentile (2 pts)</p> <p><b>2022 - 2023 NJSLA ELA:</b> 800 - 825 (1 pt) 826 - 850 (2 pts)</p> <p><b>Marking Period 1 - 3 Average</b> English 6: 93 - 95% (1 pt) English 6: <math>\geq 96\%</math> (2 pts)</p> <p><b>On Demand Writing</b> Rubric Score: 5 - 6 (1 pt) Rubric Score: 7 - 8 (2 pts)</p>
<p>ELA 7 into Honors ELA 8</p> <p><u>Must earn a minimum of 6 points for placement; waivers considered at 4-5 points.</u></p>	<p><b>From Honors ELA 7</b></p> <p>Marking Period Avg 1 - 3 <math>\geq 86</math></p>
	<p><b>From ELA 7</b></p> <p><b>LinkIt! Benchmark C:</b> 80th - 90th percentile (1 pt) 91st - 100th percentile (2 pts)</p> <p><b>2022 - 2023 NJSLA ELA:</b> 800 - 825 (1 pt) 826 - 850 (2 pts)</p> <p><b>Marking Period 1 - 3 Average</b> English 7: 93 - 95 (1 pt) English 7: <math>\geq 96</math> (2 pts)</p> <p><b>On Demand Writing</b> Rubric Score: 5 - 6 (1 pt) Rubric Score: 7 - 8 (2 pts)</p>

## Math

<p><b>Math 5</b> into <b>Honors Math 6</b></p> <p><i><u>Must earn a minimum of 6 points for placement; waivers considered at 4-5 points.</u></i></p>	<p><b>Winter MAP Score:</b> 75th - 89th percentile (1 pt) 90th - 100th percentile (2 pts)</p> <p><b>2022 - 2023 NJSLA Math:</b> 777 - 799 (1 pt) 800 - 850 (2 pts)</p>	<p><b>Marking Period 1 - 3 Average:</b> Math 5: 93 - 95% (1 pt) Math 5: <math>\geq 96\%</math> (2 pts)</p> <p><b>MOY HMH Growth Measure Score:</b> 75th - 89th percentile (1 pt) 90th - 100th percentile (2 pts)</p>
<p><b>Math 6</b> into <b>Honors Math 7</b></p> <p><i><u>Must earn a minimum of 6 points for placement; waivers considered at 4-5 points.</u></i></p>	<p><b>From Honors Math 6:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marking Period 1 - 3 Avg <math>\geq 86</math></p> <p><b>From Math 6:</b></p> <p><b>Winter MAP Score:</b> 80th - 90th percentile (1 pt) 91st - 100th percentile (2 pts)</p> <p><b>2022 - 2023 NJSLA Math:</b> 770 - 799 (1 pt) 800 - 850 (2 pts)</p>	<p><b>Marking Period 1 - 3 Average:</b> Math 6: 93 - 95% (1 pt) Math 6: <math>\geq 96\%</math> (2 pts)</p> <p><b>MOY HMH Growth Measure Score:</b> 75th - 89th percentile (1 pt) <math>\geq 90</math>th percentile (2 pts)</p>
<p><b>Honors Math 6</b> into <b>Honors Algebra I</b></p> <p><i><u>Must earn all 8 points for placement; waivers considered at 6-7 points.</u></i></p>	<p><b>Winter MAP Score:</b> 90th - 95th percentile (1 pts) <math>\geq 96</math>th percentile (2 pts)</p> <p><b>2022 - 2023 NJSLA Math:</b> 780 - 799 (1 pt) 800 - 850 (2 pts)</p>	<p><b>Marking Period 1 - 3 Average:</b> Honors Math 6: 93 - 95 (1 pt) Honors Math 6: <math>\geq 96</math> (2 pts)</p> <p><b>MAP Algebra Readiness:</b> 85th - 92nd percentile (1 pt) <math>\geq 93</math>rd percentile (2 pts)</p>
<p><b>Math 7</b> into <b>Honors Math 8</b></p> <p><i><u>Must earn a minimum of 6 points for placement; waivers considered at 4-5 points.</u></i></p>	<p><b>From Honors Math 7:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marking Period 1 - 3 Avg <math>\geq 86</math></p> <p><b>From Math 7:</b></p> <p><b>LinkIt! Benchmark C:</b> Meeting Expectations (1 pt) Exceeding Expectations (2 pts)</p> <p><b>2022 - 2023 NJSLA Math:</b> 770 - 799 (1 pt) 800 - 850 (2 pts)</p>	<p><b>Marking Period 1 - 3 Average:</b> Math 7: 93 - 95 (1 pt) Math 7: <math>\geq 96</math> (2 pts)</p> <p><b>MAP Algebra Readiness:</b> 70th - 84th percentile (1 pt) <math>\geq 85</math>th percentile (2 pts)</p>
<p><b>Honors Math 7</b> into <b>Honors Algebra I</b></p> <p><i><u>Must earn a minimum of 6 points for placement; waivers considered at 4-5 points.</u></i></p>	<p><b>LinkIt! Benchmark C:</b> Meeting Expectations (1 pt) Exceeding Expectations (2 pts)</p> <p><b>2022 - 2023 NJSLA Math:</b> 780 - 799 (1 pt) 800 - 850 (2 pts)</p>	<p><b>Marking Period 1 - 3 Average:</b> Honors Math 7: 93 - 95 (1 pt) Honors Math 7: <math>\geq 96</math> (2 pts)</p> <p><b>MAP Algebra Readiness:</b> 85th - 92nd percentile (1 pt) <math>\geq 93</math>rd percentile (2 pts)</p>
<p><b>Satz Honors Algebra I</b> into <b>Satz Honors Geometry</b></p>	<p><b>Marking Period 1 - 3 Average:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Honors Algebra I <math>&gt; 86^*</math></p> <p><i>In the case that a student earns less than a 73 in Honors Algebra I, they must retake Honors Algebra I.</i></p>	

## Rising 9th Graders

All high school course placement criteria can be found in the [High School Program of Studies](#). Please note: placement into 9th grade Honors and AP level courses in ELA, Science, and Social Studies require a placement assessment (registration required).

**Assessment items listed in red are administered after school and require additional registration.**

English Language Arts (ELA)	
<b>ELA 8</b> into <b>Honors ELA 9</b>  <i>(As listed in the High School Program of Studies)</i>	<p><b>From Honors ELA 8:</b> Final Avg <math>\geq 83</math></p> <hr/> <p><b>From ELA 8:</b> Final Avg <math>\geq 93</math></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>On Demand Writing</b> Rubric Score: <math>\geq 6</math></p>
Math	
<b>8th Grade Math</b> into <b>9th Grade Options</b>  <i>(As listed in the High School Program of Studies)</i>	<p><b>From Math 8:</b> All passing students* <math>\rightarrow</math> Algebra I</p> <p><b>From Algebra 8:</b> Final Avg: <math>&lt; 83^*</math> <math>\rightarrow</math> Algebra I Final Avg: <math>83 - 92</math> <math>\rightarrow</math> Geometry Final Avg: <math>\geq 93</math> <math>\rightarrow</math> H. Geometry</p> <p><b>From Honors Algebra I:</b> Final Avg: <math>&lt; 73^*</math> <math>\rightarrow</math> Algebra I Final Avg: <math>73 - 82</math> <math>\rightarrow</math> Geometry Final Avg: <math>\geq 83</math> <math>\rightarrow</math> H. Geometry</p> <p>*Any student earning lower than a 73 is strongly encouraged to take Math Lab concurrently with their core math class.</p>
Science	
<b>Science 8</b> into <b>Honors Biology</b>  <i>(As listed in the High School Program of Studies)</i>	<p><b>Final Average</b> 8th Grade Science: <math>\geq 93</math></p> <p><b>Science Placement Assessment</b> Assessment Score: <math>\geq 83\%</math></p> <p><b>NJSLA ELA</b> Score: <math>\geq 750</math> (Proficient)</p>
<b>Science 8</b> into <b>AP Environmental Science</b>  <i>(As listed in the High School Program of Studies)</i>	<p><b>Final Average</b> 8th Grade Science: <math>\geq 95</math></p> <p><b>Science Placement Assessment</b> Assessment Score: <math>\geq 90\%</math></p> <p><b>NJSLA ELA</b> Score: <math>\geq 750</math> (Proficient)</p>

Social Studies	
<b>Social Studies 8</b> into <b>Honors</b> <b>World Civilization</b>  <i>(As listed in the High School Program of Studies)</i>	<b>Final Average</b> Honors English 8: $\geq 86$ English 8 $\geq 93$  <b>AND</b>  Social Studies 8 $\geq 93$
	<b>On Demand Writing</b> Rubric Score: $\geq 6$
<b>Social Studies 8</b> into <b>AP World History</b>  <i>(As listed in the High School Program of Studies)</i>	<b>Final Average</b> Honors English 8: $\geq 86$ English 8 $\geq 93$ (1 pt)  <b>AND</b>  Social Studies 8 $\geq 93$
	<b>On Demand Writing</b> Rubric Score: $\geq 7$

### **WAIVER OPPORTUNITY AND REQUIREMENTS**

- *Initial placement into an Honors course for rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders necessitates that students earn 6 or more points on our 8-point criteria scale, with the exception of placement into Honors Algebra I from 6th grade honors. Criteria includes standardized state assessments, standardized district assessments, classroom grades, and writing samples.*
- *Once placed in Honors, students must maintain a class average of 86 or higher to remain in the Honors level for the subsequent school year.*
- *Waivers for rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be considered if a student earns a score of 4 or 5 points on our 8-point scale. Students with scores of 1 - 3 points will not be eligible to waive into advanced courses.*
- *For rising 9th graders, students will be recommended to courses based on the grades earned the prior school year. At the time of scheduling, students may elect to take courses in which they are not recommended, therefore necessitating a waiver.*
- *All waiver students must have signed parent permission.*
- *All waiver students must complete additional summer prerequisite work by July 31. If a student has not completed the additional summer prerequisite work by July 31, their waiver will be revoked and they will be placed into the recommended course as determined by the above criteria.*
- *All students, especially waiver students, are actively encouraged to attend extra help sessions during the school year.*

***Waivers will not be accepted after July 15, 2024.***