



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Indian Hill School

January 31, 2025

Dear Parents,

The following information is in regard to your child's math and literacy placement for the 2025-2026 school year. Multiple measures are used to place students into math and English courses for rising 6th through 8th grades. Please refer to the [2025-2026 Placement Criteria](#) for detailed and specific placement criteria for all courses. **In this communication, students will be referred to by the grade level they will be entering next year (e.g., a current 5th grade student is a "rising 6th grade" student).**

MATH PLACEMENT

- Math placement for **rising 6th and 7th grade** students will be determined using a combination of four metrics outlined in the [2025-2026 Placement Criteria](#).
 - Math 5 and Math 6 students will take the LinkIt! Benchmark C Assessment, which is predictive of their performance on their grade-level NJSLA
 - Honors Math 6 students will take the MAP Algebra Screener, which is predictive of their performance in Algebra I.
- Both the LinkIt! Benchmark C and MAP Algebra assessments will be administered in class **during the week of April 7, 2025**. Teachers will share additional details with students as the testing date approaches.
 - Registration is not required for math placement tests.

ELA PLACEMENT

- ELA placement for **rising 6th and 7th grade** students will be determined using a combination of four metrics outlined in the [2025-2026 Placement Criteria](#).
 - All **rising 6th grade students** will be given a Critical Reading Writing Response (CRWR) task in class which will be used as part of the placement process. This assessment will be administered in class the week of **March 17, 2025**. Teachers will share additional details with students as the testing date approaches.
 - Any **rising 7th grade students** who wish to advance their placement from on-level ELA 7 to Honors ELA 7 must take the English Critical Reading Writing Response (CRWR) placement exam.
 - The rising 7th grade English Critical Reading Writing Response (CRWR) placement exam for Honors English 7 placement will be administered after school in the Indian Hill cafeteria on **March 10, 2025, from 3:15-5:15 PM**. Students may leave as soon as they finish their exam.
 - All students taking the placement exam will require transportation home.
 - Register for the English CRWR placement exam [HERE](#).
 - **Important Note:** Rising 7th grade students **will not** be eligible for waivers into Honors English if they do not sit for the CRWR placement exam.

Make Up Testing

- Make-up testing for Rising 7th grade students in English will take place on **March 18, 2025** after school from 3:15-5:15.

Placement Information Session for Parents

- An in-person Placement Information Session will be held for parents of rising 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students on February 14, 2025, from 9:00 - 10:30 AM in the Holmdel High School Auditorium.
 - This session will be live streamed and recorded for parents who cannot attend in person.
 - Parents who wish to submit questions must do so by **February 13, 2025**. [Submit a question](#) via the link or the QR code on this letter. The answers to these questions will be incorporated into the presentation and published in an FAQ which will be posted to the district website.

Kind regards,
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