



# HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

## *William R. Satz School*

January 31, 2025

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, multiple measures are used to place students into core content courses at W.R. Satz School and for 9th graders entering Holmdel High School. Please review the sections below for information regarding placement requirements. For detailed and specific placement criteria for core content courses, please refer to the [2025-2026 Placement Criteria](#). In this communication, students will be referred to by the grade level they will be entering next year (e.g., a current 7th grade student is a "rising 8th grade" student). **Please note, rising 9th grade students' waiver eligibility is dependent on their final grade. If their final grade is more than 10 points below the required prerequisite grade for a course, they are not eligible for a waiver.**

### MATH PLACEMENT

- **Rising 8th grade** students' placement will be determined using the metrics outlined in the [2025-2026 Placement Criteria](#).
  - All students currently enrolled in Math 7 and Honors Math 7 will take the NWEA MAP Algebra Screener in their math classes **during the week of April 21st**. This assessment is predictive of student performance in Algebra I. Math teachers will provide additional details to students as the testing date approaches.
  - Registration is not required for math placement tests.
- **Rising 9th grade** students are placed by their final grade in their 8th grade Math class. Please see the [2025-2026 Placement Criteria](#) and [2025-2026 Holmdel High School Program of Studies](#) for placement information.

### ELA PLACEMENT

- **Rising 8th grade** students' ELA placement will be determined using the metrics outlined in the [2025-2026 Placement Criteria](#).
- **Rising 9th grade** Honors ELA students are placed by their final grade in their 8th grade ELA class. Please see the [2025-2026 Placement Criteria](#) and [2025-2026 Holmdel High School Program of Studies](#) for placement information.
- **Any Rising 8th or 9th grade** student who wishes to advance their placement from on-level ELA to Honors ELA must take the English Critical Reading Writing Response (CRWR) placement exam.
  - Placement assessment will be administered after school (2:45-5:00) on:
    - March 3, 2025 - ELA
  - Students may leave as soon as they finish their exam. Students who complete the exam after 4:20 pm will require transportation home. The late bus leaves promptly at 4:30 pm.
  - Register for the English CRWR placement exam [HERE](#).
    - Registration closes on February 24, at 8:00 am.
- **Important Notes:**
  - Rising 8th and 9th grade students *will not* be eligible for waivers into Honors English if they do not sit for the CRWR placement exam.

## **SCIENCE and SOCIAL SCIENCES PLACEMENT**

- **Rising 9th grade students** who wish to take AP or Honors-level Science and/or Social Studies courses *must* take a content aligned placement exam. Please see the [2025-2026 Placement Criteria](#) for full placement criteria.
  - Placement assessment will be administered after school (2:45-5:00) on:
    - March 4, 2025 - Science
    - March 6, 2025 - Social Studies
  - Students may leave as soon as they finish their exam. Students who complete the exam after 4:20 pm will require transportation home. The late bus leaves promptly at 4:30 pm.
  - Students testing for both Science and Social Studies will be scheduled for both days.
  - Register for a placement exam for AP or Honors-level Science and/or Social Studies [HERE](#).
    - Registration closes on February 24, 2025, at 8:00 am.
- **Important Notes:**
  - Rising 9th grade students will not be eligible for a waiver into Honors Biology if they do not take the placement exam. Waivers are not available for placement into AP Environmental Science.
  - Rising 9th grade students will not be eligible for waivers into Honors World Civilizations if they do not take the placement exam. Waivers are not available for placement into AP World History.

## **Make Up Testing**

- Make-ups for English, Science, and/or Social Studies placement tests will occur during the week of March 17, 2025.
  - Students requiring makeup exams will be notified of their testing date, time, and location once the initial round of testing has been completed.

## **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.

Respectfully,



**Chantal M. Simonelli,**

**Principal**

*Parent Question  
Submission*



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