

9th Grade Honors Placement Information

English Language Arts

The following criteria is used for placement in English 9H:

- An average grade of A to A+ (at least 93) in Grade 8 English for Terms 1 and 2
- A score of 515 or higher on the Grade 7 ELA MCAS exam
- 8th grade teacher recommendation based on work habits (quality of work, effort, homework completion)
- Outstanding skills in writing

Fine and Performing Arts

Band, Treble Choir, Concert Choir, and Orchestra classes may be taken as a Level 1 (Honors) course with the approval of the instructor and the Fine Arts Coordinator if the student agrees to complete the following requirements.

Students must:

- Meet grade level performance expectations as indicated by the ensemble director.
- Perform for a Faculty Jury once a semester during finals.
- Maintain an Honors Portfolio.
- Prepare and audition for the Junior (Grade 9) or Senior (Grades 9-12) District Ensembles.
- Honors students are strongly encouraged to participate in other performance music activities outside of school.
- While not required, private lessons on your voice or instrument are HIGHLY recommended.
- Students must earn a grade of 90 or higher in their ensemble to enter or continue in Honors.

Mathematics

In order to qualify for the honors program at the High School, a student must meet at least five of the following criteria in the 281 Accelerated math class:

- 6th Grade MCAS score 530+
- 7th Grade MCAS score 530+
- Continental Math League Test score 18+ out of 30 points
- New England Math League Test score 20+ out of 35 points
- Math Average 95%+
- Teacher Recommendation
- Passing the honors placement test

Science

Students interested in pursuing Honors Biology for Grade 9 must meet the following expectations:

- Recommendation of current science teacher, and
- Term average of A (93) or higher in Grade 8 Science, and
- Performance Task/Benchmark average of 93% or higher, and
- At least one of the following:
 - Placement into Honors Math
 - Advanced score on the Grade 7 ELA MCAS Exam

Social Sciences

The following criteria is used for placement Honors World History:

- An average grade of A to A+ (at least 93) in Grade 8 Social Science for Terms 1 and 2
- A score of 515 or higher on the Grade 7 ELA MCAS Exam
- 8th grade teacher recommendation based on work habits (quality of work, effort, homework completion)
- Outstanding skills in writing

World Language

Grade 8 students who are currently enrolled in a World Language class who wish to be considered for French 2 Honors or Spanish 2 Honors must meet the following criteria:

- Be recommended by their current World Language teacher for an Honors placement.
- Earn an average of A or above for Terms 1 and 2.
- Achieve an average grade of A- or above on the Grade 8 proficiency assessment
- Possess a strong work ethic and positive attitude towards language learning.