

Plano ISD Middle School Honors Recommendations

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6th Grade: Honors courses are offered in 6th grade for mathematics only. Students who meet three of the five criteria qualify for honors math placement.

Students who do not meet at least three of the five criteria but who otherwise have an academic profile that closely aligns with the “Honors Student Profile” may be successful in 6th grade Honors Math and should discuss enrollment with their counselor and math teacher.

Counselors and math teachers should assist students in self-assessing their strengths and long-term interests in honors math course work. (i.e., Students should select an advanced math course if they enjoy the challenge of mathematics and have an interest in a course trajectory that leads to AP Calculus or AP Statistics in their senior year. Students should know that not taking honors math courses in middle school does not preclude them from selected honors math classes in high school, etc.)

Enrollment for non-qualifying students may be accompanied by a probationary period during which time the Honors Math 6 teacher will be able to observe and evaluate student progress.

7th and 8th Grade: Honors courses are offered in 7th and 8th grade for English, mathematics and science. (English honors and science honors are advanced courses; math honors are accelerated courses.)

Students whose academic profile closely aligns with the “Honors Student Profile” will be recommended for certain honors classes.

If a student is not automatically recommended and parents and student feel the student can be successful in an honors class, the student may self-select the class.

Additional work and/or competency exams may be required for students enrolling in an honors math course; refer to the “Middle School Transition to Honors Math” document for further information. Students wishing to take Honors Math 7 who were not in Honors Math 6 must participate in the summer bridge program. Students wishing to take Honors Algebra I who were not in Honors Math 7 must take the Math 8 CBE.

Maintaining Honors Placement Status

It is expected that a student will maintain a grade of 70 or higher in each grading period, and a grade of 70 or higher at the semester. A student who does not achieve a 70 for a grading period will be placed on probation for the following grading period.

At the end of the probationary period (or grading period), if the grade is still below 70, the student may be placed in the corresponding on-level class. In addition, if the 1st semester grade is below 70, the student may be placed in the corresponding on-level class.

Honors Student Profile

Review Period¹: January – May

Subject	Grade	Winter MAP		STAAR		CogAT	Subject Area Grade	Teacher Rec.
English	7	Reading	233 (Gr 6)	Gr 5	1633	Verbal or Non-Verbal: 116 or higher	85 or above in English	Yes
	8	Reading	236 (Gr 7)	Gr 6	1669			
Mathematics	6	Mathematics	236 (Gr 5)	Gr 4	1648	Quantitative or Non-Verbal: 116 or higher	85 or above in Mathematics	Yes
	7	Mathematics	243 (Gr 6)	Gr 5	1710			
	8	Mathematics	250 (Gr 7)	Gr 6	1707			
Science	7	General Science	221 (Gr 6)	Math Gr 5 \geq 1650 AND Reading Gr 5 \geq 1582		Quantitative, Verbal, or Non-Verbal: 116 or higher	85 or above in Science	Yes
	8	General Science	224 (Gr 7)	Math Gr 6 \geq 1642 AND Reading Gr 6 \geq 1600				

Review Period¹: June - December

Subject	Grade	Spring MAP (fall if spring is not available)		STAAR		CogAT	Subject Area Grade	Teacher Rec.
English	7	Reading	235 (Gr 6)	Gr 6	1669	Verbal or Non-Verbal: 116 or higher	85 or above in English	Yes
	8	Reading	238 (Gr 7)	Gr 7	1713			
Mathematics	6	Mathematics	240 (Gr 5)	Gr 5	1710	Quantitative or Non-Verbal: 116 or higher	85 or above in Mathematics	Yes
	7	Mathematics	246 (Gr 6)	Gr 6	1707			
	8	Mathematics	253 (Gr 7)	Gr 7	1739			
Science	7	General Science	222 (Gr 6)	Math Gr 6 \geq 1642 AND Reading Gr 6 \geq 1600		Quantitative, Verbal, or Non-Verbal: 116 or higher	85 or above in Science	Yes
	8	General Science	225 (Gr 7)	Math Gr 7 \geq 1674 AND Reading Gr 7 \geq 1665				

¹ The Review Period is the time of year in which the recommendation is prepared and reviewed. The “Grade” column refers to the grade in which the student is seeking honors placement. As an example of the assessment data used for criteria – a 6th grade student making a request in the spring semester (Jan – May) for placement in 7th honors will be evaluated based on 6th grade winter MAP testing and 5th grade STAAR testing. Data from the most recent administration of CogAT will also be used for honors criteria.