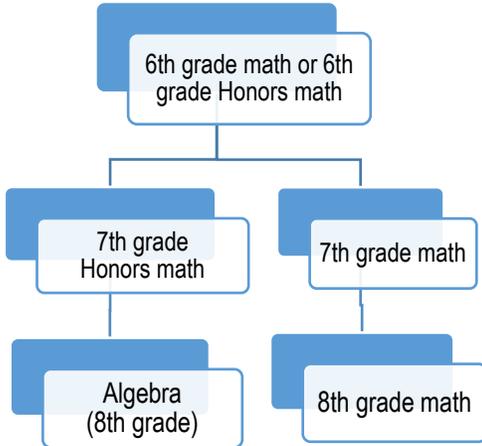


Mukilteo School District Placement in Middle School Honors Classes

All Mukilteo School District middle schools offer Honors (advanced or accelerated) math classes. We have established Honors placement procedures to ensure consistency at each school and across the district. This document outlines Honors placement processes and the course options available after placement.

Students are placed in Honors classes based on a combination of percentile ranks from STAR assessments and Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA). STAR scores use national percentiles and SBA ranks are computed using students' scale scores within the district. Students who are placed in an Honors class will continue in an accelerated class in the next grade unless there are extenuating circumstances.



MATH PLACEMENTS

Students are placed in either regular or Honors math classes in 6th grade based on their assessment results in elementary school. Placement in 7th grade Honors class depends on assessment results in both 5th and 6th grade, with the 6th grade scores having more weight. Students in the 7th grade Honors math course move directly into Algebra in 8th grade while students taking regular 7th grade math move directly to regular 8th grade math.

The specific methods for placement in Honors math are described below.

Placement into 6th Grade Honors Math

A composite percentile “score” is created for each student based on the following criteria:

- 50% from the 5th grade math SBA percentile rank;
- 25% from the 4th grade math SBA percentile rank; and
- 25% from the most recent 5th grade STAR math percentile rank.

All students are ranked using the composite percentile score, and a similar cut score is used at each middle school. Students above the cut score are placed in 6th grade Honors math. Note that there is a limit to the number of students who can enroll in Honors math at each school. All 5th graders in the LEAP program based on their math scores are automatically placed in a 6th grade math Honors course.

Placement into 7th Grade Honors Math

The same approach used for 6th grade placement is used for placement in 7th grade Honors math. A composite percentile score is created for each student based on the following criteria: 50% from the 6th grade math SBA percentile, 25% from the 5th grade math SBA percentile, and 25% from the most recent STAR math percentile. A similar cut score is applied at each middle school. Students above the cut score are placed in 7th grade Honors math, regardless of their 6th grade math placement. Students in LEAP based on their math results are placed in Honors math automatically.

Placement into 8th Grade Algebra

Students in 7th grade Honors math are automatically enrolled in Algebra unless there are extenuating circumstances. LEAP students are placed in Algebra regardless of cut score. Students in regular 7th grade math take regular 8th grade math.

PROCEDURES FOR PLACING NEW STUDENTS

New students to the district need to provide their middle school with all standardized testing information from their previous school as soon as possible. Their Mukilteo middle school will send the documentation to the district Assessment office to review the results and inform the school where the student ranks. This ranking determines if the student will be placed in an Honors class. Taking an Honors or advanced class at a previous school does not guarantee placement in a Mukilteo Honors class, and there must be space available for a student to be placed in an Honors course.