

7TH GRADE MATH PLACEMENT

Math placement (Math 7, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, or Geometry) is based on a philosophy of mastery and continuous progress. Students are typically enrolled in the next sequential math course.

7TH GRADE HONORS PLACEMENT

All academic courses are preparatory courses designed to prepare students for the next grade level and beyond. Honors courses provide the same curriculum but are offered at a depth appropriate to the student's ability and achievement. Summit Middle School offers Honors courses in Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. Students who have previously qualified for self-contained ALPHA services OR who earn an NWEA score at or above the 96th percentile in Language Usage or Reading during 6th grade OR who have demonstrated high achievement in 6th grade Honors courses will automatically qualify for Honors placement in 7th grade.

Students who do not meet the automatic qualifying criteria and have a **strong interest** in taking Honors courses may apply for placement by scheduling an appointment with Summit Middle School's Main Office (#431-2502) to complete an essay. Students must schedule an appointment between the following dates: April 9, 2018—May 11, 2018. Essays must be completed during the scheduled appointment, must demonstrate the student's best work, and must answer the question, "Why do I want to be enrolled in an Honors course next school year?" A Strategies for Student Success (SSS) team will evaluate all essays and—in conjunction with ISTEP scores, NWEA scores, grade-level Math placement, and historical grades—make a final decision on appropriate placement for the 2018-2019 academic school year.

7TH GRADE EXPLORATORY COURSES

Please realize that middle school provides the opportunity to explore a variety of courses—each helping to strengthen core academic skills in communication, critical reasoning, reading, and writing. Although every effort is made to provide students with their top Exploratory Course choices, sometimes the master schedule does not allow it. Therefore, it is important you rank your Exploratory Courses (1, 2, 3 for World Language courses & 1-10 for Multidisciplinary courses).

7TH GRADE MUSIC

Students may choose Band 7 if they were a band student in 6th grade OR students may choose Choir 7 (Choir 7 does not require being a choir student in 6th grade).

7TH GRADE WORLD LANGUAGE PLACEMENT

Summit Middle School offers three World Languages: French, Latin, and Spanish. **All three offer a rigorous academic experience with nightly homework and provide the opportunity for students to earn high school credit. Before selecting a World Language, please understand the course may be more demanding than other course choices.** It is common that the World Language courses fill to capacity each academic school year. Therefore, it is important you rank your World Languages in order of preference (1=1st Choice, 2=2nd Choice, 3=3rd Choice). Students do not always get placed in the World Language of their choice and may not be placed in any World Language if all fill to capacity. Since academic success in 6th grade is the best indicator for success in World Language courses, 6th grade G.P.A. (grade point average) will be used to determine placement if more requests are received than seats available. Please understand that a student who does not take a World Language in middle school may start this experience in high school.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF NOTE

Changes in Exploratory Courses will not be made after the course has begun. It will be the student's responsibility to complete the course(s) he/she has started.

If a student cannot participate in Physical Education for medical reasons, a doctor's excuse must be on file at Summit Middle School.

If a student completes a course for high school credit at an accredited institution other than SACS, it is the student's responsibility to provide Summit Middle School with a transcript or other proof of credit.