

Adjustments to Honors Rubrics

Due to our abbreviated time in the buildings this year (2019-2020 school year), we have made a few adjustments to the Honors rubrics. With a few exceptions, the majority of assessments used to determine placement into 7th & 8th grade Honors courses had already been given and graded by March 11. In some instances, only two of the planned three assessments were administered. These are noted within the rubric. In these cases, it was not necessary to make any adjustments to overall points. The CDTs for science from grade 7 to 8 were not yet given, and as a result, were removed from this rubric. The overall number of points was adjusted to reflect this change. The other main adjustment is seen in 6th graders moving into 7th grade Honors math, as we did not have an opportunity to provide a second round of testing. This resulted in an adjustment to the points needed for placement into Honors Algebra or Honors Pre-Algebra. These updated points are reflected in the rubric.

Honors Guidelines – 2020-2021 Modification

REVISED 4/15/2020 TO ADDRESS LIMITATIONS TO ORIGINAL
GUIDELINES AS A RESULT OF COVID-19 RELATED SCHOOL CLOSURES

–These revisions are only good for the determination of Honors for the 2020-2021 school term.

| 6th to 7th ELA Honors Requirements | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
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| Main 6th grade ELA Textbook Reading Comprehension Assessment Scores -Average score for the year (Based on 2 assessments given) | 95% and above | 92-94% | 89-91% | 86-88% | 85% and below |
| <u>Standardized Test for the Assessment of Reading</u> (STAR test produces an Instructional Reading Level, IRL) -Highest score of the 3 STAR Assessments given throughout the year | 9.0 and above | 8.3-8.9 | 7.6-8.2 | 7.0-7.5 | 6.9 and below |
| <u>Accelerated Reader</u> (AR) Score -Average for year (number varies per student) | 95% and above | 91-94% | 88-90% | 85-87% | 84% and below |

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| Writing Assessment Average of the 3 common writing assignment rubric scores given in 6th grade | 95% and above | 91-94% | 88-90% | 85-87% | 84% and below |
| *ELA PSSA (5th Grade) Raw Score | 46 and above | 42-45 | 36-41 | 32-35 | 31 and below |
| Rubric Total ____/20 Students need 17 for Honors | | | | | |

*If there is no PSSA score, rubric formula will be adjusted.

Appeals Test: Cold Write (Writing and Reading Comprehension); eligible if 15-16 points scored on rubric.

| 6th to 7th Science Honors Requirements | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
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| Main 6th Grade Science Common Assessments - (Based on 2 assessments given) | 95% and above | 92-94% | 90-91% | 88-89% | 87% and below |
| Math PSSA (5th Grade) Raw Score | 49 and above | 47-48 | 45-46 | 43-44 | 42 and below |
| ELA PSSA (5th Grade) Raw Score | 46 and above | 42-45 | 36-41 | 32-35 | 31 and below |
| <u>Classroom Diagnostic Tools:</u> Nature of Science | 90% and above | 80-89% | 70-79% | 60-69% | 59% and below |
| <u>Classroom Diagnostic Tools:</u> Earth & Space Science | 90% and above | 80-89% | 70-79% | 60-69% | 59% and below |
| Main 6th grade Math textbook Chapter (1-7) assessments average | 98% and above | 96-97% | 94-95% | 90-93% | 89% and below |

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| Rubric Total ____/24 | | | | | |
| Students need 22 for Honors | | | | | |

*If there is no PSSA score, rubric formula will be adjusted.

Appeals: PA Science Standards based Link It assessment; eligible if 20-21 points scored on rubric.

| 6th to 7th Social Studies Honors Requirements | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
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| Main 6th grade Geography textbook common assessment scores (Based on 2 assessments given) | 95% and above | 92-94% | 89-91% | 86-88% | 85% and below |
| <u>Standardized Test for the Assessment of Reading</u> (STAR test produces an Instructional Reading Level, IRL) -Highest score of the 3 STAR Assessments given throughout the year | 9.0 and above | 8.3-8.9 | 7.6-8.2 | 7.0-7.5 | 6.9 and below |
| Writing Assessment Average of the 3 common writing assignment scores given in 6th grade | 95% and above | 91-94% | 88-90% | 85-87% | 84% and below |
| *ELA PSSA (5th Grade) Raw Score | 46 and above | 42-45 | 36-41 | 32-35 | 31 and below |

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| Rubric Total ____/16 Students need 13 for Honors | | | | | |
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*If there is no PSSA score, rubric formula will be adjusted.

Appeals Test: Cold Write (Writing and Reading Comprehension); eligible if 11-12 points scored on rubric.

| 6th-7th Math Honors Requirements | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|--|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| Iowa Algebra Aptitude Test | 90% and above | 85-89% | 80-84% | 78-79% | 77% and below |
| Orleans-Hanna Algebra Prognosis Test | 96% and above | 92-95% | 89-91% | 86-88% | 85% and below |
| <u>ALEKS</u>: Initial Knowledge Check | | | 53% and above | 40-52% | 39% and below |
| <u>ALEKS</u>: December Check | | | 96% and above | 80-95% | 79% and below |
| Main 6th grade Math end of unit common assessments average of Chapters 1-7 | 98% and above | 96-97% | 94-95% | 90-93% | 89% and below |
| State Standards Benchmark (local Assessment) | 78% and above | 67-77% | 60-66% | 58-59% | 57% and below |
| Math PSSA (5th grade) Raw Score * | 49-52 | 47-48 | 45-46 | 43-44 | 42 and below |

Rubric Step 1 Sub-Total _____/24

Honors Algebra = 16+

Honors Pre-Algebra = 10 – 15

Pre-Algebra = 9 and below

Note: This was determined using a percentage of points system based on original point qualifications established for after the second round of testing. The second round of testing did not occur and if by the end of the first quarter a student is not meeting success in the Algebra I class, he/she may be moved to the Honors Pre-Algebra class.

Appeals Test: Screening assessment specific to Math subject area; eligible with score of 80%.

| 7th to 8th ELA Honors Requirements | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
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| Teacher Created 7th grade Reading Comprehension Assessments Scores -Average score for the year (minimum of 10 given) | 95% and above | 92-94% | 89-91% | 86-88% | 85% and below |
| <u>Standardized Test for the Assessment of Reading</u> (STAR test produces an Instructional Reading Level, IRL) -Highest score of the 3 STAR Assessments given throughout the year | 10.0 and higher | 9.3-9.9 | 8.6-8.2 | 8.0-8.5 | 7.9 and below |
| <u>Accelerated Reader</u> Score -Average for year (number varies per student) | 95% and above | 91-94% | 88-90% | 85-87% | 84% and below |
| Writing Assignment Rubric Average of the 3 common writing assignment scores given in 7th grade | 90% and above | 87-89% | 84-86% | 81-83% | 80% and below |
| * ELA PSSA (6th Grade) Raw Score | 45 and above | 41-44 | 35-40 | 31-34 | 30 and below |
| Rubric Total ____/20 Students need 17 for Honors | | | | | |

*If there is no PSSA score, rubric formula will be adjusted.

Appeals Test: Cold Write (Writing and Reading Comprehension); eligible if 15-16 points scored on rubric

| 7th to 8th Science Honors Requirements | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
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| Main 7th grade Science textbook common lab assessments (Based on 2 assessments given) | 95% and above | 92-94% | 90-91% | 88-89% | 87% and below |
| Quarterly 7th grade Science Tests (Based on 2 assessments given) Academic | 95% and above | 92-94% | 90-91% | 88-89% | 87% and below |
| Quarterly 7th grade Science Tests (Based on 2 assessments given) Honors | 93% and above | 90-92% | 88-89% | 86-87% | 85% and below |
| ELA PSSA (6th Grade) Raw Score | 45 and above | 41-44 | 35-40 | 31-34 | 30 and below |
| Math PSSA (6th Grade) Raw Score | 49 and above | 47-48 | 45-46 | 43-44 | 42 and below |
| Current Math Placement | Honors Algebra/Geometry | Honors Pre-Algebra 95% and above testing average | Honors Pre-Algebra 94% or less testing average | Pre-Algebra 95% and above testing average | Pre-Algebra 94% or less testing average |
| Rubric Total ____/20 Students need 18 for Honors | | | | | |

*If there is no PSSA score, rubric formula will be adjusted.

Appeals: PA Science Standards based Link It assessment; eligible if 20-21 points scored on rubric

| 7th -8th Social Studies Honors Requirements | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| Main 7th grade Social Studies Textbook Common Assessment Scores Average score for the year (Based on 2 assessments given) | 95% and above | 92-94% | 89-91% | 86-88% | 85% and below |
| <u>Standardized Test for the Assessment of Reading</u> (STAR test produces an Instructional Reading Level, IRL) -Highest score of the 3 STAR Assessments given throughout the year | 10.0 and higher | 9.3-9.9 | 8.6-9.2 | 8.0-8.5 | 7.9 and below |
| Writing Assignment Rubric Average of the 3 common writing assignment scores given in 7th grade | 90% and above | 87-89% | 84-86% | 81-83% | 80% and below |
| *PSSA (6th Grade) Raw Score | 45 and above | 41-44 | 35-40 | 31-34 | 30 and below |
| Rubric Total _____/16 Students need 13 for Honors | | | | | |

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Appeals Test: Cold Write (Writing and Reading Comprehension); eligible if 11-12 points scored on rubric

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| 7th-8th Math Honors Requirements | <p style="text-align: center;">Algebra I</p> <p style="text-align: center;">≥ 90% test average and 95% class average in Pre-Algebra ≥ 85% class average in Honors Pre-Algebra</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Geometry</p> <p style="text-align: center;">80% or higher average in Honors Algebra 1 in 7th grade</p> |
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Appeals Test: Screening assessment specific to Math subject area; eligible with score of 80%.