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Incoming 9th Grade Placement Process & Testing Information

Department	Process	Contact
World Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Self-nomination form only for those students interested in Honors and / or Heritage Spanish programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Due by Friday, December 1st: ○ <i>Honors Heritage for Spanish I</i> is available ● Placement exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentational writing assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Administered during class ○ Interpersonal speaking assessment (January 2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Scheduled during World Language class ■ Self-nominating students will speak one on one with a HS WL teacher ○ All scoring will be done using a common rubric ● Additional Information in this slideshow 	<p>Ms. Argine Safari</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● asafari@pascack.org ● 201-358-7004 x22054
ELA & Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Self-nomination form only for those students interested in Honors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Due by December 15, 2023 ● Placement exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students select one of four in-person testing dates in January ○ Placement exam—reading comprehension, summary and paragraph writing of open-ended responses ○ All scoring will be done using a common rubric ○ Additional criteria used to determine placement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ T1 grades in ELA and SS ■ NJSLA scores ■ Graded writing sample submitted on self-nomination form 	<p>Ms. Valerie Mattesich</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● vmattesich@pascack.org ● 201-358-7020 x 22113 <p>Mr. Joseph Orlak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● jorlak@pascack.org ● 201-358-7020 x 22050
Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8th Grade Math students 	<p>Dr. Mark Russo</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Placement by 8th grade teacher recommendation ● Algebra I students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Placement test administered in classes in mid to late January ○ All students will complete a self-advocacy form to indicate course preference (to be completed along with the exam). ○ Middle school will provide the following additional information for placement consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Test/quiz average ■ Performance rubric (to be completed by 8th grade teachers) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● mrusso@pascack.org ● 201-358-7004 x 22052
<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All students will complete a science placement exam in their 8th grade science class in January. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CER will be scored using a common rubric ● All students will complete a self-advocacy form to indicate course preference (to be completed along with the placement exam). ● Middle school will provide the following additional information for placement consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8th grade science assessment average & trimester 1 grade ○ 8th grade math course and trimester 1 average ○ Student performance rubric score (to be completed by 8th grade science teachers) ● Algebra is a prerequisite to be eligible for honors biology. 	<p>Ms. Megan Graziano</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● mgraziano@pascack.org ● 201-358-7004 x22040

Additional information can be found at: https://www.pascack.org/curriculum_instruction/course_placement