

# Pascack Valley Regional High School District

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## Incoming 9th Grade Placement Process & Testing Information

Department	Process	Contact
World Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Self-nomination form</a> <b>only</b> for those students interested in Honors/Heritage                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Due by <b>Friday, December 2nd</b>:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <a href="https://tinyurl.com/PVRHSD22WL">https://tinyurl.com/PVRHSD22WL</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Any students who are interested in <b>our <i>Heritage Spanish program</i></b> should also fill out the self-nomination form.                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>Honors Heritage for Spanish I</i> is available</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Placement exam                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentational writing assessment                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Administered during class</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Interpersonal speaking assessment (January 2023)                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Scheduled during World Language class</li> <li>■ Self-nominating students will speak one on one with a HS WL teacher</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ All scoring will be done using a common rubric</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Additional Information in this <a href="#">slideshow</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Ms. Noemi Rodríguez-Grimshaw</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="mailto:nrodriguez@pascack.org">nrodriguez@pascack.org</a></li> <li>● 201-358-7004 x22054</li> </ul>
ELA & Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Self-nomination form</a> <b>only</b> for those students interested in Honors                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Due by December 16, 2022                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <a href="#">Self-nomination form</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Placement exam                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Students select one of four in-person testing dates in January (5, 12, 17, 19)</li> <li>○ Placement exam—reading comprehension, summary and paragraph writing open-ended responses</li> <li>○ All scoring will be done using a common rubric</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Ms. Valerie Mattesich</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="mailto:vmattesich@pascack.org">vmattesich@pascack.org</a></li> <li>● 201-358-7004 x 22113</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr. Joseph Orlak</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="mailto:jorlak@pascack.org">jorlak@pascack.org</a></li> <li>● 201-358-7004 x 22050</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Math</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8th Grade Math students             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Placement by 8th grade teacher recommendation</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Algebra I students             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Placement test administered in classes in mid to late January</li> <li>○ All students will complete a self-advocacy form to indicate course preference (to be completed along with the exam).</li> <li>○ Middle school will provide the following additional information for placement consideration:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Test/quiz average</li> <li>■ Performance rubric (to be completed by 8th grade teachers)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Dr. Mark Russo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="mailto:mrusso@pascack.org">mrusso@pascack.org</a></li> <li>● 201-358-7004 x 22052</li> </ul>
<p><b>Science</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All students will complete a science placement exam in their 8th grade science class in January.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CER will be scored using a common rubric</li> </ul> </li> <li>● All students will complete a self-advocacy form to indicate course preference (to be completed along with the placement exam).</li> <li>● Middle school will provide the following additional information for placement consideration:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 8th grade science assessment average &amp; trimester 1 grade</li> <li>○ 8th grade math course and trimester 1 average</li> <li>○ Student performance rubric score (to be completed by 8th grade science teachers)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Math placement is also considered; science courses require students to use mathematical problem solving.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>To be placed in honors biology, students should also be enrolled in honors or enhanced geometry in 9th grade.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Ms. Megan Graziano</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="mailto:mgraziano@pascack.org">mgraziano@pascack.org</a></li> <li>● 201-358-7004 x22040</li> </ul>

Additional information can be found at: [https://www.pascack.org/curriculum\\_instruction/course\\_placement](https://www.pascack.org/curriculum_instruction/course_placement)