# Incoming 9th Grade Placement Process & Testing Information

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| **World Language**  | - Self-nomination form only for those students interested in Honors and / or Heritage Spanish programs:  
                        - Due by Friday, December 1st:  
                          - Honors Heritage for Spanish I is available  
                        - Placement exam  
                          - Presentational writing assessment  
                          - Administered during class  
                          - Interpersonal speaking assessment (January 2024)  
                          - 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 | Ms. Argine Safari  
                        - asafari@pascack.org  
                        - 201-358-7004 x22054 |
| **ELA & Social Studies** | - Self-nomination form only for those students interested in Honors  
                        - Due by December 15, 2023  
                        - Placement exam  
                          - 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:  
                          - T1 grades in ELA and SS  
                          - NJSLA scores  
                          - Graded writing sample submitted on self-nomination form | Ms. Valerie Mattesich  
                        - vmattesich@pascack.org  
                        - 201-358-7020 x 22113  
                        - Mr. Joseph Orlak  
                        - jorlak@pascack.org  
                        - 201-358-7020 x 22050 |
<p>| <strong>Math</strong>            | - 8th Grade Math students                                              | Dr. Mark Russo                               |</p>
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<td>Algebra I students</td>
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<td>● Placement test administered in classes in mid to late January</td>
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<td>■ Test/quiz average</td>
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<td>■ Performance rubric (to be completed by 8th grade teachers)</td>
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### Science

- All students will complete a science placement exam in their 8th grade science class in January.
- 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:
  - 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.

Additional information can be found at: [https://www.pascack.org/curriculum_instruction/course_placement](https://www.pascack.org/curriculum_instruction/course_placement)