



Shore Regional High School

9th Grade Placement Program

Algebra – Biology – English – Spanish – Social Studies

Shore Regional offers Honors programs in all of the content areas named above based upon cumulative preparatory middle school coursework. This document details the requirements and provides placement testing information. Please carefully read the information that follows.

<i>Content Area</i>	<i>Placement Criteria</i>	<i>Test Date/Time</i>
<i>Algebra II</i>	<u>Final grade</u> of 85+ in 8th grade full year Algebra 1 course*, and results of required initial placement test.	February of 2017 Administered during math class (in school)
<i>Honors Algebra II</i>	<u>Final average</u> of 92+ in 8th grade full year Algebra 1 course*, results of required initial placement test administered in February of 2017, and results of required SRHS placement test administered on Tuesday, May 2 nd .	Tuesday, May 2nd 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
<i>Honors Biology</i>	<u>Final average</u> of 92+ in 8th grade science, and results of required SRHS placement test.	Monday, March 6th 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
<i>Honors English I</i>	<u>Final average</u> of 92+ in 8th grade English, and results of required SRHS placement test.	Wednesday, March 8th 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
<i>Spanish II</i>	<u>Final</u> grade of 85+ in 8th grade Spanish; No placement test required.	No Test Required
<i>Honors Spanish II</i>	<u>Final average</u> of 92+ in 8th grade Spanish, and results of required SRHS placement test.	Monday, March 13th 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
<i>Honors World Cultures (Social Studies)</i>	<u>Final average</u> of 92+ in 8th grade social studies, and results of required SRHS placement test.	Wednesday, March 15th 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

***Note:** Given some eighth grade students may not complete a full year of Algebra 1 course objectives, please be sure to verify with your child's counselor, teacher, or principal that he or she is enrolled in a course of study that reflects a full year of Algebra I objectives.

Should your child be unavailable for one of the test dates, make-up dates have been listed on the webpage for Honors placement information. These make-up dates will also be used in the event of inclement weather. Please contact the Office of Curriculum and Instruction at 732-222-9300, extension 2100, with questions about make-ups.



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How do I determine if my child should take a placement test?

Check the placement criteria listed on the reverse side of this document and/or consult with your child's current teacher for the content area to be tested. To assist you, curricula may be accessed through this website link: <http://www.shoreregional.org/domain/157>.

How do I register my child for a placement test or series of tests?

All students planning to sit for the tests must be pre-registered for the tests by a Shore Regional guidance counselor during the student's course selection meeting. These meetings will be held in January/February. For questions, please e-mail the secretary in the Office of Curriculum and Instruction at kmartin@shoreregional.org or call 732-222-9300, extension 2100.

Where are the tests administered?

All tests will be given at Shore Regional High School. On the evening of each test, students are expected to check in, in the front lobby by 5:45 p.m. Please note that it is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to arrange all transportation. **Students who arrive late will not be permitted to sit for the test.** Also, students will not be permitted to exit the testing rooms prior to the indicated completion time.

What should my child bring to the test?

1. Each student must bring a black pen and two #2 pencils.
2. Each student taking the Algebra II Honors placement test must bring a calculator.
3. Each student may bring a cellular telephone, which will be kept on silent or turned off during tests.
4. Each student is to bring a book should he or she finish testing early.

What if there is inclement weather?

Please visit www.shoreregional.org for cancellations and rescheduling information.

How are the tests scored? Will I get the results?

In general, "tests" can be categorized into two major types, norm referenced or criterion referenced. These two types of tests differ in intended purposes as well as in the way in which content is selected and the way in which the tests are scored. These aspects define how such test results can be interpreted. Our placement process involves a "norm referenced" approach. The main reason we use a norm referenced test is that such tests help place students in appropriate courses. Our placement tests are designed to highlight achievement differences between *and* among students to produce a dependable rank order of students across a continuum of achievement. Written notification of all placement decisions will be mailed to home addresses in July of 2017.

What if I have an additional question(s)?

Please contact the Shore Regional High School Office of Curriculum and Instruction at 732-222-9300 extension 2100, or e-mail your question to kmartin@shoreregional.org.