

SMCHS HONORS POLICY FOR INCOMING 9TH GRADERS

ENGLISH

Placement in English 1 Honors is based on High School Placement Test (HSPT) **or** performance on the writing sample of the HSPT.

A student is automatically placed in English 1 Honors if he/she achieved all three minimum **standard scores** on the HSPT Entrance Exam as follows:

- **Verbal Score:** 580 or higher
- **Reading Score:** 600 or higher
- **Language Score:** 600 or higher

For those students who do not achieve the minimum standard scores in Verbal, Reading, and Language and are still interested in English 1 Honors, their writing sample on the Entrance Test will be used to assess their placement. Evaluated by several English honors teachers, a qualified writing sample . . .

- Addresses all parts of the prompt
- Provides a meaningful thesis
- Illustrates a sense of organization and analytical thought
- Supports the thesis and main ideas with specific, detailed examples
- Demonstrates a general sense of audience
- Contains minimal errors in mechanics

MATH

Placement in Honors is based on a student's scores from the HSPT test. They must score a minimum combined 1235 on their Math Basic Skills and Quantitative Skills categories. Level placement is based on performance on our SM Math Placement Exam.

SCIENCE

Placement in Honors is based on a student's scores from the HSPT test and their Math level. They must score a minimum of 565 on the Reading category with concurrent enrollment in Algebra 1H, Algebra 2 or Algebra 2H.