



# Denville Township Schools

Course Placement for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Parent Meeting  
May 20, 2020

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# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Courses

1. English Language Arts (ELA) \*
2. Math\*
3. Science
4. Social Studies
5. World Language (½ year Spanish & ½ year French)
6. Physical Education & Health
7. Art of Writing
8. Cycles (Electives)\*\*

\*Multi-level courses, placements are made

\*\*Ranked student choices

# Course Levels

## ELA

**Core**  
**(70%)**

**Advanced**  
**(20%)**

**Accelerated**  
**(10%)**

## Math

**Core**  
**(70%)**

**Advanced**  
**(20%)**

**Pre-Algebra**  
**(10%)**

# What is the difference between the levels?

- ▶ Core Math- 6<sup>th</sup> grade content aligned to 6<sup>th</sup> grade standards, smaller class sizes
  - ▶ Advanced Math- skips  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade content, covers the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 6<sup>th</sup> grade content and  $\frac{1}{2}$  pre-algebra (7<sup>th</sup> grade content)
  - ▶ Pre-Algebra- skips all of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade content, pre-Algebra content
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- ▶ Core ELA- 6<sup>th</sup> grade content aligned to 6<sup>th</sup> grade standards, smaller class sizes
  - ▶ Advanced ELA- 6<sup>th</sup> grade content at accelerated pace, novels at 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade reading level
  - ▶ Accelerated ELA- 6<sup>th</sup> grade content at accelerated pace, expectations for additional independent writing, novels at 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade reading level

# Placement Criteria

## ELA

Reading Level

Teacher Recommendation

Work Habits (Renzulli)

Reading Comprehension/  
Writing Assessment

## Math

Student proficiency on standards (Freckle)

Teacher Recommendation

Work Habits (Renzulli)

Math Assessments;  
Part 1 & 2 (required)  
Part 3 (optional)

# Placement Test Dates

administered virtually through Oncourse

**ELA- Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**

**Math Part 1- Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am**

**Math Part 2- Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am**

**\*Math Part 3 (optional)- Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00**

**\*Required to be considered for pre-algebra**

Renzulli-Hartman Behavioral Characteristic Checklist  
**Place a check in the appropriate box**

<b>Not Observed</b>	<b>Occasionally</b>	<b>Frequently</b>	<b>Almost Always</b>
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**Problem Solving**

1	Demonstrates risk taking				
2	Sees patterns and relationships quickly				
3	Uses multiple approaches independently				
4	Understands abstract ideas readily				
5	Recognizes cause and effect relationships				
6	Demonstrates independent thinking				
7	Accepts evaluations as a tool for improvement				
8	Demonstrates ability to plan logically				



## Motivational Behaviors

9	Excels in new situations				
10	Accepts challenges				
11	Desires to excel				
12	Exhibits unusual ability to focus and concentrate				
13	Exhibits comfort in meeting and working with groups				
14	Exhibits leadership role				
15	Enjoys working independently				
16	Expresses and/or defends ideas with extreme confidence				
17	Demonstrates task commitment regardless of difficulty				
18	Produces high quality work				

**Denville Township  
Middle School English Language Arts  
Pathways  
2020-2021**

Teachers review 5<sup>th</sup>  
grade ELA  
Information

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student is ready for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA, but does not meet criteria for Advanced Core or Accelerated ELA. Reading and Writing skills are nearing or at grade level.



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
CORE ELA**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade student meets the following criteria: Reading is at least one grade level above and writing is on grade level; 80% on Renzulli-Hartman Checklist & recommendation (completed by teacher), at least 80<sup>th</sup> percentile on placement test



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
ADVANCED CORE ELA**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade student meets the following criteria: Reading and Writing are at least one grade level above, and Renzulli-Hartman Checklist score of 90% & recommendation (completed by teacher), at least 90<sup>th</sup> percentile on placement test



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
ACCELERATED ELA**

**Denville Township  
Middle School Mathematics  
Pathways  
2020-2021**

**All 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
students will take  
Math Placement**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student is ready  
for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math, but does  
not meet criteria for Advanced  
Core Math or Pre-Algebra**



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
CORE MATH**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade student meets the  
following criteria: 80% on Math  
Placement Test, 80% on Renzulli-  
Hartman Checklist & recommendation  
(completed by teacher)**



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
ADVANCED CORE MATH**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade student meets the  
following criteria: 90% on Math  
Placement Test, and Renzulli-Hartman  
Checklist score of 90% &  
recommendation (completed by teacher),  
85% on pre-algebra assessment (part 3)**



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
PRE-ALGEBRA**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
CORE MATH



Completion of Core Math



7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
PRE-ALGEBRA A

6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
ADVANCED CORE MATH



"B" or above Final Average  
Advanced Core Math, A  
minimum score of "4" on NJSLA  
Math



7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
PRE-ALGEBRA B

6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
PRE-ALGEBRA



"A" Final Average in  
Pre-Algebra  
And  
A minimum score of "4" on NJSLA  
Math



7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
ALGEBRA 1

Teacher Rec,  
Grades,  
NJSLA scores



7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
PRE-ALGEBRA A



Completion of  
Pre-Algebra A



8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
PRE-ALGEBRA B

7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
PRE-ALGEBRA B



Completion of Pre-Algebra B  
A minimum score of "4" on NJSLA  
Math



8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Honors ALGEBRA 1 (HS)

7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
ALGEBRA 1



Completion of Algebra 1 and  
Proficient on Algebra NJSLA

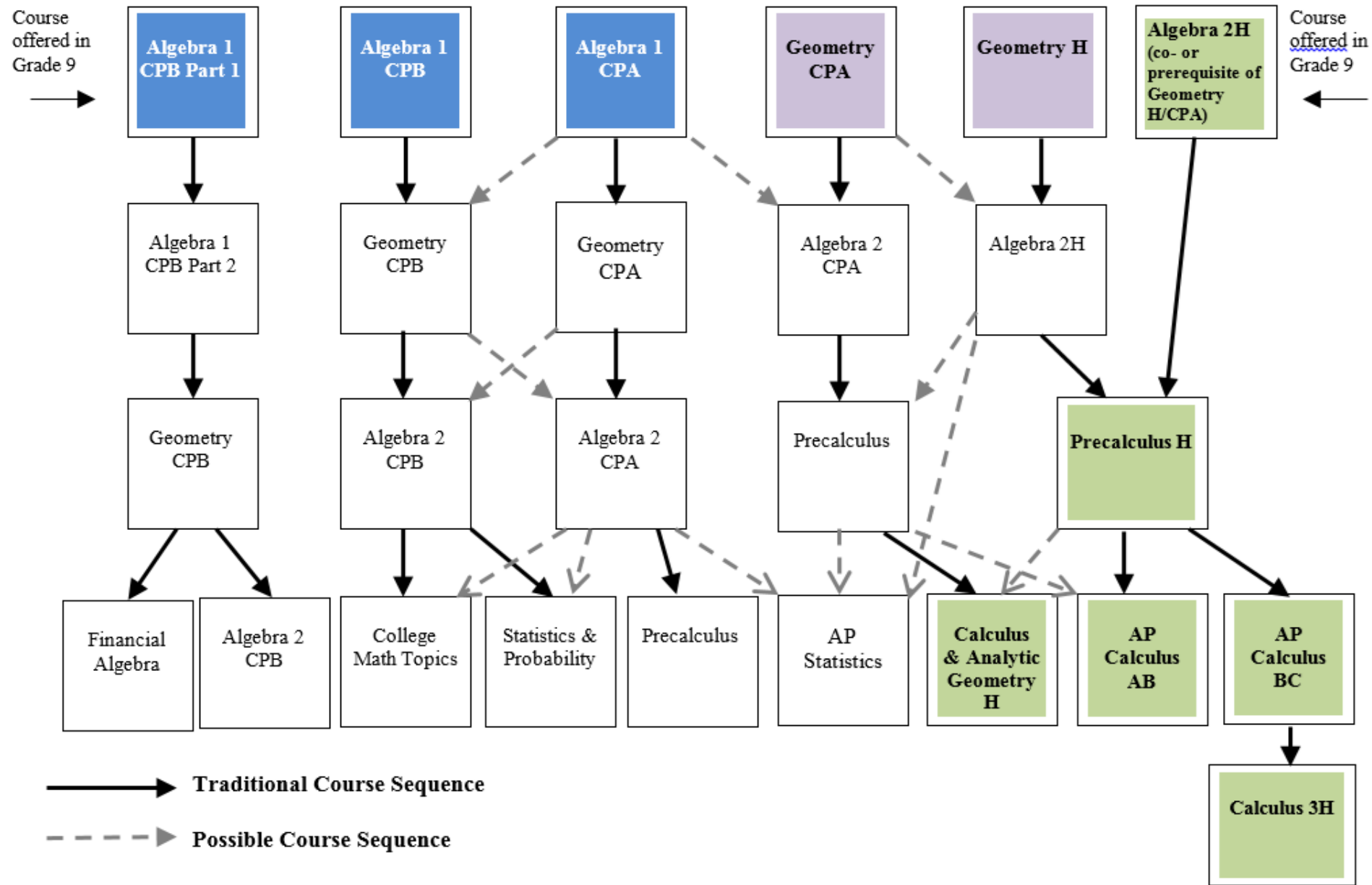


8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Honors GEOMETRY (HS)

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# High School Course Implications

## Morris Hills Regional District Suggested Course Sequence in Mathematics



# General FAQ

1. When will be notified of placements?

Placements will be available to families via Genesis by June 30.

2. Will we receive the results of the placement test or Renzulli Checklist?

You will not receive the tests or forms back, but you will receive the scores for each element of the placement process.

3. What if my child is recommended for Pre-Algebra, but we want him or her to take the Advanced track?

Please contact either Mr. Korman or Dr. Cullis right away. The scheduling process starts after school ends and is completed by the end of July. It is more difficult to make changes after that time.



# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives

1. Art
2. Family and Consumer Science (Cooking & Hand Sewing)
3. Music
4. Computers
5. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)\*
6. Health\*

\*All students take this course during the elective period

# Selecting Cycle Courses

- **Students will take 4 quarterly cycle classes**
- **1 quarter Health**
- **1 quarter STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)**
- **2 Choice electives (Art, Music, Computers, Family & Consumer Science)**
  - **Students will rank their elective choices in June**
  - **Top choice elective not guaranteed, we will try to honor 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choices**
- **Students in ExPO will take 3 quarters of ExPO and 1 quarter of Health, no electives**

# Additional Course Information

- **Students will take 1 semester of French and 1 semester of Spanish.**
- **Band lessons will take place during the regular school day on a rotating basis, the whole band meets after school.**
- **Chorus meets after school.**
- **Strings Ensemble meets before school.**
- **Band and Chorus are listed on the report card as 10<sup>th</sup> period and are graded with a “P”. All students enrolled in band and chorus receive a “p”.**
- **Students in ExPO do not take additional electives or STEM**

# Question & Answer

# Join us for 6<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Orientation

Wednesday, May 27

Valleyview 6:00 PM