

South Charlotte Middle School
Math and ELA Placement Recommendations

This year, we are using your students semester-1 (S1) grade to offer placement recommendations for math and ELA. Due to the remote learning environment since last March, we do not have access to the data points we typically use (EOG, school-based MAP, school-based observations). Therefore, we believe that the semester 1 grade from this school year composed of formal assessments and informal assignments is the best data point to use.

As the parent/guardian, we believe that you know your child best especially related to this year's remote learning. Therefore, parents and guardians will make the placement choice based on your knowledge of your student. Please use the recommendation below to help guide your decision, but ultimately the choice is up to parents. SCMS counselors will compare your selection to the grade-based recommendation as well as review this year's EOGs over the summer - if there is a concern, we may contact you to confirm your choice. In addition, our teachers will assess all students in the fall as another checkpoint for correct placement.

If you choose a placement outside of the recommendation, please know that choice may result in additional challenges for your child. Parents must be prepared to provide additional support as needed. Our recommendation is to place students into math and ELA courses that will be challenging, but also where students can find success and confidence.

Please view your student's S1 grade in PowerSchool and use the numbers below as our recommendation:

If the current placement is standard (including all 5th graders):

- 93+ honors for fall
- 92- standard for fall

If the current placement is honors

- 85+ honors (or Math 1 yearlong) for fall
- 84- standard for fall

In addition

If a student is in Honors Math 7

- 93+ Math 1/Math 2

Single Gender:

We are sometimes able to offer ELA and math courses made up of all boys or all girls. In order to offer these courses, there must be 30+ students signed up for the course. If you are interested in single gender classes, please select this option on your "Electronic Course Card." For more information about Single Gender classes, please view the "Rising __ Information Video" for your grade. All documents are located on the SCMS website under the "Registration Process for 2021-2022 Academic Year" tab.