

ADVANCED COURSE IDENTIFICATION STANDARDS

Spring 2016



This chart identifies the Definitions, Eligibility Standards, and Standardized Tests Results used primarily for identifying students who qualify to take Honors, Accelerated, or Twice-Accelerated courses in Shakopee Schools.

In the Appeals Process, several categories of Supplemental Data may be reviewed. See end of this document for examples.

GENERAL DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS:

HONORS*: Grade-level curricular standards, but with a greater level of depth and complexity

ELIGIBILITY: Students' average scores on MAP and MCA data over the previous two years must be at or above the 85th percentile, or other comparable test data

*** HONORS courses will be phased out over the next few years and replaced by ACCELERATED COURSE work.**

ACCELERATED: Grade level standards of the course one grade level ahead **OR** College level courses taught in the High School (CIS or AP)

ELIGIBILITY: Students' average scores on MAP and MCA data over the previous two years must be at or above the 85th percentile **OR** eligibility requirements set by cooperating university or college for concurrent enrollment

TWICE ACCELERATED: Grade level standards of the course two grade levels ahead

ELIGIBILITY: Students' average scores on MAP and MCA data over the previous two years must be at or above the 95th percentile

ENGLISH

TESTS USED FOR ID | Available tests that may include **MAP** Reading, **MCA** Reading

GRADE 6 Accelerated* Reading & Language Arts 85th Percentile (*Honors Reading and Language Arts will now be phased out)

GRADE 7 Honors English 7 85th Percentile **OR** Successful completion of previous course

GRADE 8 Honors English 8 85th Percentile **OR** Successful completion of previous course

GRADE 9 Accelerated English 9 85th Percentile **OR** Successful completion of previous course

GRADE 10 Honors English 10 85th Percentile **OR** Successful completion of previous course

GRADE 11 AP Language & Composition

GRADE 12 ACCELERATED COURSE OPTIONS

CIS Intro. to Lit.: Poetry, Drama, Narrative | ENGL 1001w

Junior or senior **AND** in the top 30% of the class, **OR** have instructor approval. *Senior status is recommended.*

CIS University Writing | WRIT 1301

Seniors **AND** in the top 20% of the class, **OR** have instructor approval

CIS Introduction to Public Speaking | COMM 1101

Junior or senior **AND** in the top 50% of the class **OR** have instructor approval.

MATH

TESTS USED FOR ID | Available tests that may include **MAP** Math, **MCA** Math

ACCELERATED:

*85th %ile **OR** Successful completion/testing out of previous course

GRADE 6 Pre-Algebra

GRADE 7 Algebra

GRADE 8 Geometry

GRADE 9 Accelerated Algebra II

GRADE 10 Pre-Calculus

TWICE ACCELERATED:

*95th %ile **OR** Successful completion/testing out of previous course

GRADE 6 Algebra

GRADE 7 Geometry

GRADE 8 Accelerated Algebra II

GRADE 9 Pre-Calculus

GRADE 10-12 Accelerated Course Options:

CIS CSE Calculus Students who earned a B- or better in rigorous pre-calculus class

AP Statistics Open enrollment

AP Calculus BC Open enrollment

SCIENCE

TESTS USED FOR ID | Available tests that may include MAP Math, MCA Math & MCA Science

GRADE 6 Accelerated Physical Science	85 th %ile test scores
GRADE 7 NO Accelerated Course until Fall of 2017	
GRADE 8 Honors Earth Science	85 th %ile OR Successful completion of previous course
GRADE 9 AP Physics 1	NEW Open Enrollment, Concurrent Enrollment in Accelerated Algebra 2
GRADE 10 Honors Biology	85 th %ile OR Successful completion of previous course OR
GRADE 10 Honors Chemistry	85 th %ile OR Successful completion of previous course
GRADE 11 Honors Chemistry	85 th %ile OR Successful completion of previous course OR
GRADE 11 AP Biology	Open Enrollment
GRADE 12 CIS Physics	Junior or senior AND in the top 20% of their class AND have earned a grade of B or better in a rigorous Algebra 2/Trigonometry course (or the equivalent)

SOCIAL STUDIES

GRADE 9 AP Human Geography	Open Enrollment
GRADE 10 AP US History	Open Enrollment
GRADE 11 AP World History	Open Enrollment

GRADE 12 ACCELERATED COURSE OPTIONS

Option for Economics Requirement CIS Microeconomics APEC 1101	Junior or senior AND in the top 20% of the class OR have instructor approval. <u>Senior status is recommended.</u>
Elective CIS American Democracy in a Changing World POL 1001	Junior or senior AND in the top 20% of the class OR have instructor approval. <u>Senior status is recommended.</u>
Elective CIS Psychology PSY 1001	Junior or senior AND in the top 20% of the class OR have instructor approval; previous coursework in HS psychology or HS biology and reading score review are recommended

Students may appeal if they do not meet the stated criteria. Additional criteria that may be included in the file review during an appeal include...

- ♦ Subject-specific Grades and GPA (i.e. Math GPA, Science GPA, etc., NOT overall GPA)
- ♦ Work samples
- The Building Administrator will be the final authority on ALL appeals.