

NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

Neptune Middle School

Honors Criteria Information Sheet

Incoming 6th English Language Arts/Social Studies Gen. Education Total Points = 46

Teacher Recommendation from 5th Grade Teacher(s)

Maximum 16 points

STAR Independent Reading Level (Assessment in May)

Maximum 20 points

Below 5.0 Independent Reading Level	0 points
5.0-5.9 Independent Reading Level	10 points
6.0+ Independent Reading Level	20 points

DRA (Assessment in May)

Maximum 10 points

Below 40	0 points
40-50	5 points
60+	10 points

A high performing multi-lingual learner with a teacher recommendation will be considered if the WIDA Overall Score is 3.5+ and the WIDA Reading Score is 3.5+.

Incoming 6th Grade Math/Science**Total Points = 56**

Teacher Recommendation from 5th Grade Teacher(s)

Maximum 16 points

Everyday Math End of Year Assessment via Link-it! (June)

Maximum 20 points

Below 60%	0 points
60% - 79%	10 points
80% - 100%	20 points

STAR Independent Reading Level (Assessment in May)

Maximum 20 points

Below 5.0 Independent Reading Level	0 points
5.0-5.9 Independent Reading Level	10 points
6.0+ Independent Reading Level	20 points

7th & 8th Grade ELA**Total Points = 236**

Teacher Recommendation Form

Maximum 16 points

*All Honors Teachers must complete a recommendation form**A Teacher recommending a non-honors student must complete a recommendation form*

Final numerical grade in subject from current school year

Maximum 100 points

ELA Benchmark Form C

Maximum 100 points

STAR Independent Reading Level (Assessment in May)

Maximum 10 points

Incoming 7th Grade	Incoming 8th Grade	Points
Below 6.0 Independent Reading Level	Below 7.0 Independent Reading Level	0 points
6.0-6.9 Independent Reading Level	7.0-7.9 Independent Reading Level	5 points
7.0+ Independent Reading Level	8.0+ Independent Reading Level	10 points

Prior Honors placement in 6th or 7th grade (with a grade of A or B) - Receives an additional 10 points

A high performing multi-lingual learner with a teacher recommendation will be considered if the WIDA Overall Score is 3.5+ and the WIDA Reading Score is 3.5+.

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7th & 8th Grade Social Studies**Total Points = 236**

Teacher Recommendation Form

Maximum 16 points

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Final numerical grade in subject from current school year

Maximum 100 points

Social Studies Final Exam (available in Power School)

Maximum 100 points

STAR Independent Reading Level (Assessment in May)

Maximum 10 points

Incoming 7th Grade	Incoming 8th Grade	Points
Below 6.0 Independent Reading Level	Below 7.0 Independent Reading Level	0 points
6.0-6.9 Independent Reading Level	7.0-7.9 Independent Reading Level	5 points
7.0+ Independent Reading Level	8.0+ Independent Reading Level	10 points

Prior Honors placement in 6th or 7th grade (with a grade of A or B) - Receives an additional 10 points

ESL Student recommendations will be reviewed by ESL teacher and/or Department Chair(s)

7th & 8th Grade Math**Total Points = 226**

Teacher Recommendation Form

Maximum 16 points

*All Honors Teachers must complete a recommendation form**A Teacher recommending a non-honors student must complete form*

Final numerical grade in subject from current school year

Maximum 100 points

Math Benchmark Form C

Maximum 100 points

Prior Honors placement in 6th or 7th grade (with a grade of A or B) - Receives an additional 10 points

ESL Student recommendations will be reviewed by ESL teacher and/or Department Chair(s)

7th & 8th Grade Science**Total Points = 226****March 2023**

Teacher Recommendation Form <i>All Honors Teachers must complete a recommendation form</i> <i>A Teacher recommending a non-honors student must complete form</i>	Maximum 16 points
Final numerical grade in subject from current school year	Maximum 100 points
Science Final Exam (available in Power School)	Maximum 100 points
Prior Honors placement in 6th or 7th grade (with a grade of A or B) - Receives an additional 10 points	
ESL Student recommendations will be reviewed by ESL teacher and/or Department Chair(s)	

Visual and Performing Arts (VPA)

6th-8th Grade Visual Arts

Honors Studio Visual Art: Students have the opportunity to bypass Studio Visual Art and take Studio Visual Art Honors which is a one marking period elective designed for middle school students to explore the Visual Arts at an honors level. Students who are taking this honors level course will be expected to cover more content at an accelerated pace; in addition, students will be expected to use research skills and explore historically relevant artists.

Prerequisites: student interest, teacher recommendation, and portfolio submission.

- Students may submit a digital portfolio of at least five works of visual art to their current art teacher by the end of January. Students who successfully pass the portfolio review may register through their guidance counselor for middle school Studio Art Honors in lieu of Studio Art.

8th Graders entering Neptune High School

Eighth graders entering high school have the opportunity to bypass basic level classes and be placed in advanced and honors courses through an assessment and/or audition process. The following opportunities are available and informational letters are distributed to families through the middle school each January with specific dates and details.

- **Visual Arts:** Students who successfully pass the portfolio review may register for Visual Art I in lieu of Foundations of Visual Art.
- **Performing Arts:** Students who successfully pass the audition process may register for Honors Chambers Singers or Honors Wind Ensemble in lieu of Concert Band or Mixed Chorus.

World Languages (WL)

7th & 8th Grade Spanish

Intermediate Spanish: Students in grades 7 and 8 have the opportunity to bypass Spanish and take Intermediate Spanish upon passing the placement exam. Students register to take the placement exam with their guidance counselor.

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- **World Language:** Students who successfully pass a written, speaking, and listening portion of the assessment may register for Spanish II or Spanish II Honors in lieu of Spanish I.
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In the event a student transfers into Neptune Middle School, the following steps will be followed:

- A parent or guardian can contact the Guidance Department to have their child's academic records reviewed.
- Assessment criteria may include:
 - Student's independent reading level
 - Student's performance on district benchmark assessments
 - Any available standardized test data from prior placement