



Denville Township Schools

Course Placement for 6th Grade
Parent Meeting
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6th 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- 6th grade content aligned to 6th grade standards, smaller class sizes
 - ▶ Advanced Math- skips $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 6th grade content, covers the 2nd half of 6th grade content and $\frac{1}{2}$ pre-algebra (7th grade content)
 - ▶ Pre-Algebra- skips all of the 6th grade content, pre-Algebra content
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- ▶ Core ELA- 6th grade content aligned to 6th grade standards, smaller class sizes
 - ▶ Advanced ELA- 6th grade content at accelerated pace, novels at 7th-8th grade reading level
 - ▶ Accelerated ELA- 6th grade content at accelerated pace, expectations for additional independent writing, novels at 7th-8th 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 28th at 10:00 am

Math Part 1- Monday, June 1st at 10:00 am

Math Part 2- Wednesday, June 3rd at 10:00 am

***Math Part 3 (optional)- Friday, June 5th at 10:00**

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

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

Not Observed	Occasionally	Frequently	Almost Always
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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 5th
grade ELA
Information

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



**6th Grade
CORE ELA**

The 5th 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 80th percentile on placement test



**6th Grade
ADVANCED CORE ELA**

The 5th 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 90th percentile on placement test



**6th Grade
ACCELERATED ELA**

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

**All 5th grade
students will take
Math Placement**

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



**6th Grade
CORE MATH**

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



**6th Grade
ADVANCED CORE MATH**

**The 5th 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)**



**6th Grade
PRE-ALGEBRA**

6th Grade
CORE MATH



Completion of Core Math



7th Grade
PRE-ALGEBRA A

6th Grade
ADVANCED CORE MATH



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



7th Grade
PRE-ALGEBRA B

6th Grade
PRE-ALGEBRA



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



7th Grade
ALGEBRA 1

Teacher Rec,
Grades,
NJSLA scores



7th Grade
PRE-ALGEBRA A



Completion of
Pre-Algebra A



8th Grade
PRE-ALGEBRA B

7th Grade
PRE-ALGEBRA B



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



8th Grade
Honors ALGEBRA 1 (HS)

7th Grade
ALGEBRA 1



Completion of Algebra 1 and
Proficient on Algebra NJSLA



8th Grade
Honors GEOMETRY (HS)

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High School Course Implications

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.

6th 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 1st or 2nd 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 10th 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 6th grade Parent Orientation

Wednesday, May 27

Valleyview 6:00 PM