

# 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 85<sup>th</sup> 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 85<sup>th</sup> 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 95<sup>th</sup> percentile

## ENGLISH

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

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

**GRADE 7 Honors English 7** 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile **OR** Successful completion of previous course

**GRADE 8 Honors English 8** 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile **OR** Successful completion of previous course

**GRADE 9 Accelerated English 9** 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile **OR** Successful completion of previous course

**GRADE 10 Honors English 10** 85<sup>th</sup> 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:

**\*85<sup>th</sup> %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:

**\*95<sup>th</sup> %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

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

## SOCIAL STUDIES

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| 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

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| Option for Economics Requirement   CIS Microeconomics   APEC 1101 | Junior or senior <b>AND</b> in the top 20% of the class <b>OR</b> have instructor approval. <u>Senior status is recommended.</u>  |
| Elective   CIS American Democracy in a Changing World   POL 1001  | Junior or senior <b>AND</b> in the top 20% of the class <b>OR</b> have instructor approval. <u>Senior status is recommended.</u>  |
| Elective   CIS Psychology   PSY 1001                              | Junior or senior <b>AND</b> in the top 20% of the class <b>OR</b> 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.