

## Billings Catholic Schools Placement Guidelines

Placement will be determined based on Spring NWEA (MAP) RIT scores. The following scores are recommended for placement. If a student falls below the recommended RIT score, the student may be placed in an honors class on a probationary status if the teacher, parent, and administration agree it is the right fit.

Teacher recommendations:

- Teachers work closely with students and provide valuable insights into their academic abilities and potential for success in advanced courses.

Student interest and motivation:

- Advanced courses are more challenging and require greater effort from students, so it's important to consider interest and motivation for enrolling in these courses.

### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS**

HONORS ENGLISH 9<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Minimum academic requirements:

- Maintain an 85% or higher in all of 8th grade ELA
- Receive 3s or higher on all 8th grade ELA standards Test Scores: (8th grade)
- A recommended Spring MAP READING score of 235 or higher
- A recommended Spring MAP LANGUAGE score of 231 or higher

### **SCIENCE**

HONORS BIOLOGY:

Minimum academic requirements:

- Maintain an 85% or higher in all of 8th grade Science
- Receive 3s or higher on all 8th grade Science standards Test Scores: (8th grade)
- A recommended Spring MAP SCIENCE score of 225 or higher

HONORS CHEMISTRY:

Minimum academic requirements:

- Maintain an 85% or higher in all of Biology
- Successful completion of Algebra I with 85% or higher

## **MATH**

At Saint Francis Catholic, Pre-Algebra is an honors math class for 6th and 7th grade students. Algebra and Geometry are honors math for 8th grade students.

PRE-ALGEBRA 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Placement:

Minimum academic requirements:

- MAP RIT of 255 or higher. (Must be in the 98th percentile or higher for three years)

Minimum academic requirements if placed in Pre-Algebra in 6<sup>th</sup> grade

- Maintain a 95% or better all of 5th grade Math
- Maintain 3s or higher on all 5th grade standards
- Consistently complete all assignments on time in 5th grade Math
- Maintain a 90% and 3s or higher in Pre-Algebra all of 6th grade

PRE-ALGEBRA 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Placement:

Minimum academic requirements:

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Pre-Algebra Recommended RIT of 238 or higher on 6th Grade Spring MAP and consistent growth
- An 85% or better for all of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math
- Maintain 3s or higher on all 6<sup>th</sup> grade standards
- Consistently complete all assignments on time

ALGEBRA 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Placement:

Minimum academic requirements:

- MAP RIT of 255 or higher.
- Maintain a 90% and 3s or higher in Pre-Algebra all of 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Consistently complete all assignments on time

ALGEBRA 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Placement:

Minimum academic requirements:

- RIT of 246 or higher in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math, (Must show consistent growth throughout school year)
- RIT of 238, with successful completion of 7<sup>th</sup> grade pre-algebra

- Maintain 3s or higher on all 7<sup>th</sup> grade standards.
- Consistently complete all assignments on time.

#### GEOMETRY 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Placement:

##### Minimum academic requirements:

- RIT of 260 or higher and Successful completion of Algebra

(If a student and teacher agree a student is motivated, they may require completing an Algebra class over the summer and take the Algebra exam the second Thursday in August)

- Students may only take Geometry if they have successfully completed Algebra
- Students must maintain a 95% or better for all of Algebra
- Maintain 3s or higher on all Algebra standards
- Consistently complete all assignments on time

#### High School Math placement for incoming Freshmen

##### ALGEBRA II TRIG:

- Students must have successful completion of Geometry

##### GEOMETRY:

- Students MUST have successful completion of Algebra

##### ALGEBRA:

- Successful completion of Pre-Algebra
- Spring RIT score of 206 or higher
- Any student who failed to complete the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra requirements will repeat Algebra at the high school level.

##### PRE-ALGEBRA:

- Unsuccessful completion of Pre-Algebra
- Students who need a stronger math foundation before continuing with Algebra