

January 28, 2021

Dear Parents,

In an effort to be responsive to parent feedback and to be continually reflective of our practices, we will be including the following additional data to use in placement decisions for students. A student's STAR Math and Reading assessment score will be looked at as one guiding point during placement discussions. However, other criteria such as unit assessments, student work, teacher recommendation, and parent input are of greater importance when determining placement. This year we are strongly emphasizing the conversation school teams will have about the student holistically with all criteria being considered fairly and equitably.

This year, criteria that will be used for Math placement in grade 6 this year include:

- Grade 5 math unit assessments with extension problems
- Student work
- Teacher Recommendation
- Middle School Administrator input
- Parent Input: Parents may submit a short paragraph outlining additional information that the Building Advisory Committee (BAC) will consider.
- STAR Math and Reading January assessment

Criteria that will be used for Science Placement in grade 6 this year include:

- Teacher Recommendation
- Parent Input: Parents may submit a short paragraph outlining additional information that the Building Advisory Committee (BAC) will consider.
- Cumulative Science report card grade (grade 5)
- Science Notebooks minimum average of 3
- Reading STAR Winter administration scores

Please use this form for Math and Science. Forms may be submitted from February 1-26, 2021. Please click on the link below to submit your form online. If you require a hard copy, please call your school.

<https://forms.gle/ySUV8vzpwVc6ogiM8>

Please contact the STEM Office at 203-625-7483 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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