

## ENGLISH

**Megan Schillo, Department Chair (mschillo@olchs.org)**

Course	Winter MAP	
English I Honors	236 and above with middle school recommendation	* Fall scores can be considered if Winter scores are unavailable. Additional standardized test scores and/or writing samples can also assist in resolving placement issues.
English I	219-235 with middle school recommendation	
English I + Reading Strategies	218 and below with middle school recommendation	

### READING PLACEMENT NOTES

Students placed into the Reading Strategies program will enroll in English I as well as a credit-bearing course that focuses intensely on developing reading skills. Improvement in these essential skills will benefit students in their other coursework. **Per OLCHS policy, this course is required for students scoring below the pre-determined level.**

### HONORS PLACEMENT NOTES

Students enrolled in English I Honors must fulfill the following expectations:

- Motivation to perform at highest level of excellence
- Willingness and ability to do ALL assigned reading and written work
- Strong grammar and writing skills
- Excellent cognitive skills and a pattern of continued cognitive growth
- An interest in reading and well-developed study skills
- Willingness to participate in classroom discussion with Insight beyond the ordinary
- A positive attitude toward learning and toward the challenges inherent in an honors level course

## MATH

**Christopher Newton, Department Chair (cnewton@olchs.org)**

Course	Winter MAP	
Algebra I Honors	243 and above with middle school recommendation	* Fall scores can be considered if Winter scores are unavailable.
Algebra I	221-242 with middle school recommendation	
Algebra I with Support	220 and below with middle school recommendation	

### ALGEBRA SUPPORT PLACEMENT NOTES

Students placed into Algebra Support receive the same Algebra curriculum as all other Algebra I students, paired with an additional period so more time can be devoted to learning and applying the topics. Therefore, students at the lowest score ranges and those requiring more intensive mathematics instruction are best placed in this course.

### HONORS PLACEMENT NOTES

Students demonstrating exceptional math ability based on MAP scores and teacher recommendation may be invited to participate in a six-week Algebra I Honors Summer School Pilot Program. Students who qualify for Algebra Honors and have already mastered essential Algebra content may be placed directly in Geometry Honors by demonstrating proficiency on an OLCHS-developed final exam.

## SCIENCE

Michael Bielski, Department Chair ([mbielski@olchs.org](mailto:mbielski@olchs.org))

Course	Winter MAP	* Science placements will use the READING MAP scores. Fall scores can be considered.
Biology Honors	234 and above with middle school recommendation	
Biology	214-233 with middle school recommendation	
Biology Concepts	213 and below with middle school recommendation	

### BIOLOGY/BIOLOGY CONCEPTS PLACEMENT NOTES

Students placed into both English I + Reading Strategies and Algebra I with Support can plan on waiting to take their first science course until their sophomore year. Placement will be re-evaluated after completion of Reading Strategies.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Kristin Kuchyt, Department Chair ([kkuchyt@olchs.org](mailto:kkuchyt@olchs.org))

World History I & II                      Required for graduation, may take freshman or sophomore years

AP World History                      Successful completion of English honors coursework  
***This course is offered only during sophomore year. Students enrolled in the English Honors program can plan on taking AP World History their sophomore year. They may enroll in AP Human Geography or Geography their freshmen year.***

AP Human Geography (NEW)      Elective Social Studies course recommended for students placed in honors English I

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Mary Kerrigan, Department Chair ([mkerrigan@olchs.org](mailto:mkerrigan@olchs.org))

*New for 2019-2020: Spanish placement is based on the OLCHS Spanish Placement Exam (additional information below). Any interested student may register for Arabic I or French I. Heritage Arabic and Spanish speakers will be evaluated orally by OLCHS teachers at Course Selection Night.*

Course	Placement Criteria	Course	Placement Criteria
Spanish I	Exam score of 69 and below and/or No prior Spanish instruction	Heritage I	Oral evaluation with middle school recommendation
Spanish II	Exam score of 70-84 with middle school recommendation	Heritage I Honors	Oral evaluation and exam score of 85 and above with middle school recommendation
Spanish II Honors	Exam score of 85 and above with middle school recommendation		