



Important Changes Planned for Columbia High School

At its meeting on March 5, 2012, the South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education approved changes to academic placement that may affect your child, as summarized below. Further details are available at www.somdsd.k12.nj.us.

If you have any general questions about these changes, please contact Dr. Lovie Lilly (973-762-5600 x 1012).

If you have content-specific questions, please contact the appropriate supervisor at 973-762-5600: ELA – Gary Pankiewicz x 1131); Math – Candice Beattys (x 1241); Science – Alan Levin (x 1204); Social Studies – Christopher Preston (x 1130).

Subject	Grade	2011-2012	Planned for 2012-2013
Language Arts	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I taught in Levels 2, 3 and 4, with higher levels taught at faster pace and in more depth than lower levels, due to lower levels receiving more explicit instruction in reading and writing strategies, and more scaffolds in reading and writing support 	English I will be offered with 3 possible placements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I with double period (grade level with extra time) English I (grade level) English I Honors (equivalent to Level 4, no changes to criteria or curriculum)
	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English II taught in Levels 2, 3 and 4, with higher levels taught at faster pace and in more depth than lower levels due to lower levels receiving more explicit instruction, scaffolds, and support 	English II will be offered with 3 possible placements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English II plus supplemental (grade level with extra time) English II (grade level) English II Honors (equivalent to Level 4, no changes to criteria or curriculum)
	11 & 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Levels 2, 3 and 4 for English III (11th) Elective classes are multi-level, with grading criteria varying by a student's assigned level Advanced Placement courses require prior demonstrated achievement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English III plus supplemental (grade level for 11th grade) English Essentials plus supplemental (grade level for 12th grade) Non-AP Electives (open to all students not recommended for English III or English Essentials; taught, graded and weighted as honors-level courses, equivalent to Level 4) Advanced Placement (no changes to criteria or placement)
Social Studies	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History taught in Levels 2, 3 and 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History for ELLs Literacy Strategies through World History World History Honors (Levels 3 & 4 leveled up into Honors course, taught, graded and weighted at current Level 4)
	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American History and Culture for ELLs US History 1 taught in Levels 2, 3 and 4 Advanced Placement US History 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American History and Culture for ELLs Literacy Strategies through US History US History 1 Honors (Levels 3 & 4 leveled up into Honors course, taught, graded and weighted at current Level 4) Advanced Placement (no changes to criteria or placement)
	11 & 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American History and Culture for ELLs (11th) US History 2 (11th grade) taught in Levels 2, 3 and 4 Elective classes are taught, graded and weighted as honors-level courses, equivalent to level 4 Advanced Placement US History 2 (11th grade) and other AP courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American History and Culture for ELLs (11th grade) Literacy Strategies through US History (11th grade) US History 2 Honors (11th grade - Levels 3 & 4 leveled up into Honors course, taught, graded and weighted at current Level 4) Non-AP Electives (open to all students; taught, graded and weighted as honors-level courses, equivalent to Level 4) Advanced Placement (no changes to criteria or placement)
Science	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology taught in Levels 2, 3 and 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology (Levels 2 & 3 leveled up into a grade level course, taught, graded and weighted at current Level 3) Biology Honors (equivalent to Level 4, no changes to criteria or curriculum) Summer "step up" class for rising 9th graders to help students meet prerequisites for Honors course
	10 -12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Levels 2, 3, 4, 5 and AP (in 11 & 12 only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes
Math	9-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Levels 2, 3, 4, 5 and AP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes