



## Draper Park Middle School Information regarding Language Arts - Honors

Honors classes are offered in Language Arts for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Students are most successful in honors classes when they have higher prerequisite skills.

This year the DPMS community has made some changes to the procedures used for placing students into honor classes. These procedures include:

- Distributing defined procedures to stakeholders in advance
- Using multiple data points to place students
- Having the ability to administer assessments at any time in order to get these multiple data points for students new to DPMS

Students interested in honors placement will need their parent to complete the online Honors Request google form which will be released during the registration period in January/February. Parents who do not complete the online Honors Request form by February 23<sup>rd</sup> will not be able to request Honors placement for their student in the 2017-2018 school year.

The three data points that will be used to determine 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade honors placement are:

- **SRI Lexile Level** (reading comprehension)
- **SAGE Writing or Writing Honors Entrance Exam** (written expression)
- **SAGE Reading or Reading Honors Entrance Exam** (reading literature, reading informational, language)

SAGE scores will be used unless we are unable to access a student's SAGE score then the Honors Entrance Exam will be used in its place.

Total weighted scores will be examined and approximately the top 96 scores will be placed in honors (32 students per class, 96 per grade level). A letter will be mailed home to those placed in honors on or around May 30<sup>th</sup>. An additional 12 slots will be reserved for late transfers/home base students up until a date to be determined (approximately two weeks into the school year). All transfer students will be scored using the 3 data points listed above. Counselors will be able to administer these assessments at the time of registration. A summer reading project is required of all honors students.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the counseling center at 801.826.6920.