# Lost Mountain Middle School
## 2023-2024
## Advanced Content Placement Criteria

**A student must meet the requirements to be placed in an advanced class.**
**Placement is not determined by parent request or by teacher recommendation.**
**\* 5th Grade Advanced Content is considered, but not a guarantee for a 6th grade Advanced Content placement.**

| Class | 6th Grade Requirement | 7th Grade Requirement | 8th Grade Requirement |
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| 6th and 7th Language Arts and Reading OR 8th Grade Language Arts | **1 of 3 Criteria**<br><br>1. ≥85% ELA Total Iowa NPR **and** ≥85% Reading Total Iowa NPR (5th grade)<br>2. ≥85% ELA Total Iowa NPR (5th grade) **and** ≥ 1011 Winter or Spring 5th grade RI<br>3. Distinguished on ELA GA Milestones | **1 of 4 Criteria**<br><br>1. Successfully complete 6th Grade AC ELA **and** AC Reading @ LMMS<br>2. ≥84% ELA Total Iowa NPR **and** ≥84% Reading Total Iowa NPR (5th grade)<br>3. ≥84% ELA Total Iowa NPR (5th grade) **and** ≥ 1071 Winter or Spring 6th grade RI<br>4. Distinguished on ELA GA Milestones | **1 of 4 Criteria**<br><br>1. Successfully complete 7th Grade AC ELA **and** AC Reading @ LMMS<br>2. ≥85% ELA Total Iowa NPR **and** ≥85% Reading Total Iowa NPR (7th grade)<br>3. ≥85% ELA Total Iowa NPR (7th grade) **and** ≥ 1121 Winter or Spring 7th grade RI<br>4. Distinguished on ELA GA Milestones |
| 6th – 8th Social Studies | **1 of 5 Criteria**<br><br>1. ≥85% Social Studies Total Iowa NPR (5th grade)<br>2. 81-84% Social Studies Total Iowa NPR **and** ≥85% ELA Total Iowa NPR<br>3. 81-84% Social Studies Total Iowa NPR **and** ≥85% Reading Total Iowa NPR (5th grade)<br>4. 81-84% Social Studies Total Iowa NPR **and** ≥ 1011 Winter or Spring 5th grade RI<br>5. Qualify for AC ELA and AC Reading in 6th | **1 of 4 Criteria**<br><br>1. Successfully complete 6th Grade AC Social Studies @ LMMS<br>2. ≥87% Social Studies Total Iowa NPR (5th grade)<br>3. 80-86% Social Studies Total Iowa NPR (5th grade) **and** 1071 Winter or Spring 6th grade RI<br>4. ≥84% Reading Total Iowa NPR (5th grade) | **1 of 3 Criteria**<br><br>1. Successfully complete 7th Grade AC Social Studies @ LMMS<br>2. ≥85% Social Studies Total Iowa NPR (7th grade) **and** ≥80% Reading Total Iowa NPR (7th grade)<br>3. ≥85% Social Studies Total Iowa NPR (7th grade) **and** ≥ 1121 Winter or Spring 7th grade RI |
| 6th – 8th Science | **1 of 6 Criteria**<br><br>1. ≥88% Science Total Iowa NPR (5th grade)<br>2. 80-87% Science Total Iowa NPR and ≥85% Reading Total Iowa NPR (5th grade)<br>3. 80-87% Science Total Iowa NPR and 1011 Winter or Spring 5th grade RI<br>4. ≥85% ELA Total Iowa NPR **and** ≥85% Reading Total Iowa NPR (5th grade)<br>5. ≥85% ELA Total Iowa NPR **and** 1011 Winter or Spring 5th grade RI<br>6. Distinguished on Science GA Milestones | **1 of 5 Criteria**<br><br>1. Complete 6th grade AC Science @ LMMS<br>2. ≥90 raw Summative Test Average in On-Level Science **and** 1071 Winter or Spring 6th grade RI<br>3. Students enrolled in AC Reading for 7th grade **and** 1071 Winter or Spring 6th grade RI<br>4. ≥90% Science Total Iowa NPR (5th grade)<br>5. 85-89% Science Total Iowa NPR and 1071 Winter or Spring 6th grade RI | **1 of 5 Criteria**<br>**No Math Emphasis**<br><br>1. Complete AC 7th Science @ LMMS with 2 consecutive quarters with B average<br>2. ≥ 82-91% Science Total Iowa NPR (7th grade) **and** ≥ 1121 Winter or Spring 7th grade RI<br>3. ≥ 82-91% Science Total Iowa NPR (7th grade) **and** ≥ 80% Reading Total Iowa NPR (7th grade)<br>4. ≥ 83 Summative Test Average in On-Level Science **and** ≥ 1121 Winter or Spring 7th grade RI<br>5. ≥ 83 Summative Test Average in On-Level Science **and** ≥ 80% Reading Total Iowa NPR (7th grade) |
| Advanced Math | **1 of 3 Criteria**<br><br>1. ≥63-79% Math Total Iowa NPR (5th grade)<br>2. Scale Score 580-625 on Math GA Milestones<br>3. 70-84% on the Advanced Math Screener (given the first week of school) | **1 of 3 Criteria**<br><br>1. Summative Test Average ≥90 in On-Level Math and ≥ 90 on the 7th grade math screener (given at the end of 6th grade)<br>2. Summative Test Average ≥70-84 in Math 6/7<br>3. Distinguished on Math GA Milestones | **1 of 4 Criteria**<br><br>1. Successfully complete Advanced Math 7 @ LMMS<br>2. Summative Test Average ≥90 in On-Level Math and ≥ 90 on the 8th grade math screener (given at the end of 7th grade)<br>3. ≥90% Math Total Iowa NPR (7th grade)<br>4. Distinguished on Math GA Milestones |
| Math 6/7 | **1 of 3 Criteria**<br><br>1. ≥80% Math Total Iowa NPR (5th grade)<br>2. Scale Score 626-725 on Math GA Milestones<br>3. ≥85% on the Math 6/7 Screener (given the first week of school) | | |

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| Math 7/8 | | Successfully complete Math 6/7 with ≥ 85 summative test average | |
| Algebra 1 | | | **See High School Courses Chart** |

- **Gifted Identified Students only** – As required by the state DOE, all gifted identified students will receive services in at least one advanced content (AC) class in an area of strength.
- All placements are contingent upon teacher allotment and available space per class each year. Our goal is to serve at least the top 20% to 25% of our student population.

## High School Credit Courses for 8th Grade ONLY

□ Physical Science, Algebra, Spanish, and VA Comp I are high school classes taught to middle school students. The classes are taught with the same expectations and rigor as any high school class.
□ High school classes cannot be dropped after the start of the school year without penalty.
□ Students receive 1 high school credit for each high school class that the student passes with a ≥70%.
□ Students cannot retake a high school class once they receive a ≥70% on their transcript in middle school.
□ High school classes appear on the student's high school transcript; however, the grade DOES NOT factor into the student's Grade Point Average (GPA).

| **High School Physical Science Math Emphasis** | **1 of 2 Criteria**<br><br>1. Qualify for Algebra I OR Advanced Math 8 **and** ≥80 Summative Test Average in AC Science<br>2. ≥ 92% Science Total Iowa NPR (7th grade) |
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| **High School Spanish I**<br><br>This class is taken in place of a reading class. | **1 of 3 Criteria**<br><br>1. Successfully complete 7th Grade AC ELA and AC Reading<br>2. ≥80% Reading Total Iowa NPR (7th grade)<br>3. ≥70-79% Reading Total Iowa NPR (7th grade) **and** ≥ 1121 Winter or Spring 7th grade RI |
| **Algebra 1** | Student must successfully complete Math 7/8 with ≥ 85 summative test average. |
| **Visual Arts Composition 1 (VA COMP)**<br><br>This is a connections class NOT an academic class | Students are invited to the class by the instructor based on a submitted portfolio. A lottery was held and selected students were notified of acceptance. |

\*For new registrations, some Advanced Content or high school sections in which your student may qualify may be at capacity and not available for scheduling.