

Pine Mountain Middle School
2025-2026
Advanced Content Placement Criteria

A student must meet the requirements to be placed in an advanced class.
Placement is not determined by parent request.

Class	6th Grade Requirement	7th Grade Requirement	8th Grade Requirement
6 th – 8 th AC Language Arts and AC Reading	1 of 5 Criteria 1) ≥87% ELA <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR and ≥82% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 2) 80-86% ELA <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) and ≥1010 Winter or Spring 5 th grade Beacon Lexile 3) ≥82% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) and ≥ 620 Beacon Winter or Spring 5 th grade Beacon ELA Scale Score 4) Complete 5 th Grade AC ELA and AC Reading and ≥1010 Winter or Spring 5 th grade Beacon Lexile or ≥80% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) and ≥ 620 Beacon Winter or Spring 5 th grade Beacon ELA Scale Score or ≥80% ELA <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR 5) Distinguished on ELA GA Milestones	1 of 6 Criteria 1) Successfully complete 6 th Grade AC ELA @ PMMS 2) ≥80% ELA <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR and ≥80% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) or ≥1050 Winter or Spring 6 th grade Beacon Lexile 3) ≥80% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) and ≥ 594 Beacon Winter or Spring 6 th grade Beacon ELA Scale Score 4) ≥594 ELA Scale Score on Winter or Spring 6 th Grade Beacon and ≥1050 Winter or Spring 6 th grade Beacon Lexile or ≥90 raw summative test average in On-Level Reading 5) ≥90 raw summative test average in On-Level ELA and ≥1050 Winter or Spring 6 th grade Beacon Lexile or ≥90 raw summative test average in On-Level Reading 6) Distinguished on ELA GA Milestones	1 of 7 Criteria 1) Successfully complete 7 th Grade AC ELA @ PMMS 2) ≥81% ELA <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR and ≥81% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) 3) ≥81% ELA <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) and ≥ 1120 Winter or Spring 7 th grade Beacon Lexile 4) ≥81% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) and ≥ 639 Beacon Winter or Spring 7 th grade Beacon ELA Scale Score 5) ≥639 Beacon Winter or Spring 7 th grade Beacon ELA Scale Score and ≥ ≥90 raw summative test average in On-Level Reading 6) ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> test average in On-Level ELA and ≥ ≥90 raw summative test average in On-Level Reading 7). Distinguished on ELA GA Milestones
6 th – 8 th AC Social Studies	1 of 4 Criteria 1) ≥75% Social Studies <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 2) 70-74% Social Studies <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR and ≥80% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 3) 70-74% Social Studies <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR and ≥950 Winter or Spring 5 th grade Beacon Lexile 4) Qualify for AC ELA and AC Reading in 6 th grade	1 of 6 Criteria 1) Successfully complete 6 th Grade AC Social Studies @ PMMS 2) ≥88% Social Studies <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 3) 80-87% Social Studies <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) and ≥1050 Winter or Spring 6 th grade Beacon Lexile 4) ≥80% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 5) ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> test average in On-Level Social Studies and ≥980 Winter or Spring 6 th grade Beacon Lexile 6) ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> test average in On-Level Social Studies and ≥88 raw summative test average in On-Level Reading or ≥90 raw summative test average in AC Reading	1 of 5 Criteria 1) Successfully complete 7 th Grade AC Social Studies @ PMMS 2) ≥84% Social Studies <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) 3) 80-81% Social Studies <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) and ≥ 1120 Winter or Spring 7 th grade Beacon Lexile 3) ≥ 90 raw <u>Summative</u> test average in On-Level Social Studies and ≥85% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) 4) ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> test average in On-Level Social Studies and ≥ 1120 Winter or Spring 7 th grade Beacon Lexile 5) ≥95 raw <u>Summative</u> test average in On-Level Social Studies
6 th – 8 th AC Science	1 of 7 Criteria 1) ≥80% Science <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 2) 74-79% Science <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR and ≥80% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) or 3) 74-79% Science <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR and ≥980 Winter or Spring 5 th grade Beacon Lexile 4) ≥81% ELA <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR and ≥80% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 5) ≥81% ELA <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) and ≥950 Winter or Spring 5 th grade Beacon Lexile 6) ≥620 Beacon Winter or Spring 7 th grade Beacon ELA Scale Score and ≥80% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) or ≥90 Winter or Spring 5 th grade Beacon Lexile 7) Distinguished on Science GA Milestones	1 of 7 Criteria 1) Complete 6 th grade AC Science @ PMMS 2) ≥88% Science <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 3) 80-87% Science <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) and 1071 Winter or Spring 6 th grade RI 4) ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in On-Level Science and ≥1050 Winter or Spring 6 th grade Beacon Lexile 5) ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in On-Level Science and ≥80% Science <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 6) ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in On-Level Science and enrolled in AC Reading for 7 th grade and ≥1000 Winter or Spring 6 th grade Beacon Lexile 7) ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in On-Level Science and ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in On-Level Reading or ≥88 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in AC Reading	1 of 7 Criteria No Math Emphasis 1) Successfully complete AC 7 th Science @ PMMS 2) ≥85 Science <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) 3) ≥80 Science <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) and ≥80% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) 4) ≥80 Science <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) and ≥1100 Winter or Spring 7 th grade Beacon Lexile 5) ≥88 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in On-Level Science and ≥1100 Winter or Spring 7 th Beacon Lexile 6) ≥88 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in On-Level Science and ≥80% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) 7) ≥88 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in On-Level Science and ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in On-Level Reading or ≥87 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in AC Reading

Advanced Math	1 of 4 Criteria 1) ≥ 66 -80% Math <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 2) Between 580-625 Beacon Winter or Spring 5 th grade Beacon MATH Scale Score 3) 81-87% on the Math Screener (given the 1 st - 2 nd week of school) 4) Between 580-625 MATH Scale Score on the GA Milestones	1 of 4 Criteria 1) ≥ 90 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in On-Level Math 2) 87-89% raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in On-Level Math and ≥ 578 MATH Scale Score on Winter or Spring 6 th Grade Beacon 3) ≥ 578 MATH Scale Score on Winter and Spring 6 th Grade Beacon 4) Distinguished on MATH GA Milestones	1 of 6 Criteria 1) Successfully complete Advanced Math 7 @ PMMS 2) ≥ 90 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in On-Level Math 3) $\geq 85\%$ raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in On-Level Math and ≥ 672 Beacon Winter or Spring 7 th grade Beacon MATH Scale Score 4) $\geq 85\%$ Math <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) 5) ≥ 80 -84% Math <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) and $\geq 80\%$ raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in On-Level Math 6) Distinguished on MATH GA Milestones
Math 6/7	1 of 4 Criteria 1) $\geq 81\%$ Math <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 2) ≥ 626 Beacon Winter or Spring 5 th grade Beacon MATH Scale Score 3) $\geq 88\%$ on the Math 6/7 Screener (given the 1 st - 2 nd week of school) 4) ≥ 626 MATH Scale Score on the GA Milestones		
Math 7/8		Successfully complete Math 6/7 with ≥ 80 raw summative test average	
Algebra 1			See High School Courses Chart

* NPR = National Percentile

* Milestones scores are usually received after the close of school. When Milestones scores are received, placement will change if criteria are met.

- **Gifted Identified Students only** – As required by the state Department of Education, 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 I, 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 $\geq 70\%$.
- Students cannot retake a high school class once they receive a $\geq 70\%$ 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 4 Criteria 1) Qualify for Algebra I OR Advanced Math 8 and ≥ 85 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in AC Science or ≥ 90 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in On-Level Science 2) $\geq 85\%$ Science Total Iowa NPR (7 th grade) and ≥ 85 Math Total Iowa NPR (7 th grade) 3) 80-84% Science Total Iowa NPR (7 th grade) and ≥ 80 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in AC Science and ≥ 692 Beacon Winter or Spring 7 th grade Beacon MATH Scale Score 4) $\geq 85\%$ Science Total Iowa NPR (7 th grade) and ≥ 90 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average in On-Level Science and ≥ 692 Beacon Winter or Spring 7 th grade Beacon MATH Scale Score
High School Spanish I	1 of 4 Criteria 1) $\geq 79\%$ Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) 2) ≥ 70 -78% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) and ≥ 1060 Winter or Spring 7 th grade Beacon Lexile 3) ≥ 1060 Winter and ≥ 1060 Spring 7 th grade RI 4) Qualify for AC Reading
Algebra 1	Student must successfully complete Math 7/8 with ≥ 80 summative test average.
Visual Arts Composition 1 (VA C OMP) This is a connections class NOT an academic class	Students are invited to the class by the instructor based on a submitted portfolio.

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