

**Pine Mountain Middle School
2026-2027
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	1 of 2 Criteria 1) ≥80% ELA <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 2) Successfully complete 5 th Grade ADV ELA with ≥ 80%	1 of 3 Criteria 1) Successfully complete 6 th Grade AC ELA @ PMMS 2) ≥80% ELA <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 3) ≥90 raw summative test average Q1-Q3 in On-Level ELA	1 of 3 Criteria 1) Successfully complete 7 th Grade AC ELA @ PMMS 2) ≥81% ELA <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) 3) ≥90 raw summative test average Q1-Q3 in On-Level ELA
6 th – 8 th AC Reading	1 of 3 Criteria 1) ≥80% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 2) Successfully complete 5 th Grade ADV Reading with ≥ 80% 3) ≥ 1100 Winter <u>or</u> Spring 5 th grade Beacon Lexile	1 of 4 Criteria 1) Successfully complete 6 th Grade AC Reading @ PMMS 2) ≥81% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 3) ≥90 raw summative test average Q1-Q3 in On-Level Reading 4) ≥88 raw summative test average Q1-Q3 in On-Level Reading <u>and</u> ≥ 1160 Winter or Spring 6 th grade Beacon Lexile	1 of 4 Criteria 1) Successfully complete 7 th Grade AC Reading @ PMMS 2) ≥83% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) 3) ≥90 raw summative test average Q1-Q3 in On-Level Reading 4) ≥87 raw summative test average Q1-Q3 in On-Level Reading <u>and</u> ≥ 1240 Winter or Spring 7 th grade Beacon Lexile
6 th – 8 th AC Social Studies	1 of 3 Criteria 1) ≥80% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 2) Successfully complete 5 th Grade ADV Reading with ≥ 80% 3) ≥ 1100 Winter <u>or</u> Spring 5 th grade Beacon Lexile	1 of 3 Criteria 1) Successfully complete 6 th Grade AC Social Studies @ PMMS 2) ≥85% Social Studies <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 3) ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> test average Q1-Q3 in On-Level Social Studies <u>and</u> ≥90 raw summative test average Q1-Q3 in On-Level Reading <u>or</u> ≥88 raw summative test average Q1-Q3 in AC Reading <u>or</u> ≥1160 Winter or Spring 6 th grade Beacon Lexile	1 of 4 Criteria 1) Successfully complete 7 th Grade AC Social Studies @ PMMS 2) ≥82% Social Studies <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) 3) ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> test average Q1-Q3 in On-Level Social Studies <u>and</u> ≥90 raw summative test average Q1-Q3 in On-Level Reading <u>or</u> ≥88 raw summative test average Q1-Q3 in AC Reading <u>or</u> ≥1240 Winter or Spring 7 th grade Beacon Lexile <u>or</u> 83% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) 4) ≥ 80 Social Studies <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) <u>and</u> ≥ 1240 Winter or Spring 7 th grade Beacon Lexile <u>or</u> 83% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade)
6 th – 8 th AC Science	1 of 3 Criteria 1) ≥80% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 2) Successfully complete 5 th Grade ADV Reading with ≥ 80% 3) ≥ 1100 Winter <u>or</u> Spring 5 th grade Beacon Lexile	1 of 4 Criteria 1) Complete 6 th grade AC Science @ PMMS 2) ≥85% Science <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 3) ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average Q1-Q3 in On-Level Science <u>and</u> ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average Q1-Q3 in On-Level Reading <u>or</u> ≥88 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average Q1-Q3 in AC Reading 4) ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average Q1-Q3 in On-Level Science <u>and</u> ≥1160 Winter or Spring 6 th grade Beacon Lexile	1 of 5 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) <u>and</u> ≥80% Reading <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) 4) ≥88 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average Q1-Q3 in On-Level Science <u>and</u> ≥88 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average Q1-Q3 in On-Level Reading <u>or</u> ≥85 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average Q1-Q3 in AC Reading <u>or</u> ≥1240 Winter or Spring 7 th Beacon Lexile 5) Qualify for AC Reading 8 <u>and</u> ≥ ≥80 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average Q1-Q3 in On-Level Science
Advanced Math	1 of 5 Criteria 1) ≥67-84% 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 5) Successfully complete 5 th Grade ADV Math 5 with ≥ 80%	1 of 2 Criteria 1) ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average Q1-Q3 in On-Level Math <u>and</u> Prepared score on Winter or Spring 6 th grade Beacon 2) Distinguished, Level IV, on MATH GA Milestones	1 of 4 Criteria 1) Successfully complete Advanced Math 7 @ PMMS 2) ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average Q1-Q3 in On-Level Math <u>and</u> Prepared score on Winter or Spring 7 th grade Beacon 3) ≥85% Math <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (7 th grade) 4) Distinguished, Level IV, on MATH GA Milestones

Math 6/7	1 of 4 Criteria 1) ≥85% Math <u>Total</u> Iowa NPR (5 th grade) 2) ≥626 Beacon Winter or Spring 5 th grade Beacon MATH Scale Score 3) ≥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 Q1-Q3	
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 ≥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) Qualify for High School Math Course and ≥85 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average Q1-Q3 in AC Science or ≥90 raw <u>Summative</u> Test Average Q1-Q3 in On-Level Science
High School Spanish I This class is taken during the connections time. It is NOT a replacement for one of the 5 CORE academic subjects. If a student takes 2 music classes, the student will need to drop a music class to take the HS Spanish course.	1 of 2 Criteria 1) Qualify for AC Reading 8 th Grade (See above criteria) 2) ≥1230 Winter or Spring 7 th Beacon Lexile
Algebra 1	Student must successfully complete Math 7/8 with ≥80 summative test average Q1-Q3
Visual Arts Composition 1 (VA COMP) This is a connections class NOT an academic class. If a student takes 2 music classes, the student will need to drop a music class to take the HS course.	Students are invited to the class by the instructor based on a submitted portfolio. Students were notified prior to the end of the school year.

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.