



**Garrett Middle School  
2025-2026 Advanced Content Course  
Placement Criteria**



Course	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>AC Language Arts</b>	<p>≥ 80 National Percentile Rank ELA IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Scored ≥ 550 on 4<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts Milestone/ BEACON</p> <p>(Lexile 970 + )</p>	<p>≥ 90 National Percentile Rank ELA IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Maintained an average of ≥ 90% in on-level Language Arts 6 <b>with</b> a teacher recommendation or maintained an 80% in AC Language Arts 6</p> <p>BEACON/MILESTONES- 635-860 +</p>	<p>≥ 85 National Percentile Rank ELA IOWA (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Maintained an average of ≥ 90% in on-level Language Arts 7 <b>with</b> a teacher recommendation</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Maintained an 80% in AC Language Arts 7</p> <p>BEACON/MILESTONES- 700-800+</p>
<b>AC Reading</b>	<p>≥ 80 National Percentile Rank ELA IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Scored ≥ 550 on 4<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts Milestone/ BEACON</p> <p>Lexile 925 +</p>	<p>≥ 90 National Percentile Rank ELA IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Maintained an average of ≥ 90% in on-level Language Arts 6 <b>with</b> a teacher recommendation or maintained an 80% in AC Language Arts 6</p> <p>BEACON/MILESTONES- 635-860 +</p> <p>Lexile 970 +</p>	<p>≥ 85 National Percentile Rank ELA IOWA (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Maintained an average of ≥ 90% in on-level Language Arts 7 <b>with</b> a teacher recommendation <b>or</b></p> <p>Maintained an 80% in AC Language Arts 7</p> <p>BEACON/MILESTONES- 700-800+</p> <p>Lexile 1010 +</p>
<b>AC Social Studies</b>	<p>≥80 National Percentile Rank on Social Studies IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Maintained an 90% in (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) AC Social Studies</p> <p>Scored ≥ 550 on 4<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts Milestone/ BEACON 660 + (Lexile 970 + )</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Teacher Recommendation</p>	<p>≥ 80 National Percentile Rank on Social Studies IOWA (5<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Maintained an average of ≥94% in on-level Social Studies 6 <b>with</b> a teacher recommendation</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Maintained an 90% in AC Social Studies 6</p> <p>BEACON/MILESTONES- 635-860+</p>	<p>≥85 National Percentile Rank on Social Studies IOWA (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Maintained an average of ≥ 94% in on-level Social Studies 7 <b>with</b> teacher recommendation</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Maintained an 80% in AC Social Studies 7</p> <p>BEACON/MILESTONES- 700-800+</p>
<b>AC Science</b>	<p>≥ 80 National Percentile Rank on Science IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Maintained an 90% in (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) AC Science</p> <p>Milestone/ BEACON 587-840 (Lexile 970 + )</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Teacher Recommendation</p>	<p>Maintain an average of ≥ 94% in on-level Science 6 <b>with</b> teacher recommendation</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Maintained an 90% in AC Science 6</p> <p>BEACON/MILESTONES- 635-860 +</p>	<p>Maintained an average of ≥ 94% in on-level Science 7 <b>with</b> teacher recommendation</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>Maintained an 90% in AC Science 7</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>≥70 National Percentile on Science IOWA (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p> <p>BEACON/MILESTONES- 700-800+</p>
<b>Physical Science HS Credit</b>	N/A	N/A	<p><b>** High School Credit Course</b></p> <p>Qualify for AC Science 8 <b>and</b> scored ≥ 75 National Percentile Rank on Science IOWA (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p> <p>Students who are enrolled in Algebra I</p> <p>BEACON/MILESTONES- 700-880+</p> <p>Maintained an 85% or higher in AC Science 7</p>



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	<b>Advanced Math 6</b>	<b>Advanced Math 7</b>	<b>Advanced Math 8</b>
<b>Advanced Math</b>	<p>≥70 National Percentile Rank on Math IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) <b>or</b> Maintained an 85% in (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) AC Math <b>or</b> Scored ≥ 550 on 4<sup>th</sup> grade Math Milestones/BEACON</p>	<p>Maintained an 80% in AC Math 6 <b>or</b> Maintained an average of ≥ 90% grade in on-level Math 6 <b>with</b> teacher recommendation BEACON/Milestones- 520-635</p>	<p>Maintain an average of ≥ 80% in AC Math 7 <b>or</b> Maintained an average of ≥ 90% grade in on-level Math 7 <b>with</b> teacher recommendation <b>or</b> ≥80 National Percentile Rank on Math IOWA (7<sup>th</sup> grade) BEACON/Milestones- 532-691</p>
<b>Accelerated Math (Above Grade Level)</b>	<p>≥85 National Percentile Rank on Math IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) <b>or</b> Scored ≥ 570 + on 4<sup>th</sup> grade Math Milestone/BEACON</p>	<p><b>Math 7/8</b> Maintained ≥ 80% in Math 6/7 <b>or</b> = 99 National Percentile Rank on IOWA (on 5<sup>th</sup> grade IOWA assessment for 6<sup>th</sup> grade placement) <b>or</b> ≥75 National Percentile Rank on Math IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p>	<p><b>Algebra 1 (*HS Credit Course)</b> Maintained ≥ 80% in Math 7/8 <b>with</b> teacher recommendation <b>and</b> ≥80 National Percentile on Math IOWA (7<sup>th</sup>)</p>
<b>World Languages Spanish I Or CVA</b>	N/A	N/A	<p><b>** High School Credit Course</b> ≥ 80 National Percentile Rank on Reading IOWA (7th grade) <b>or</b> Maintained ≥ 80% in AC Reading 7 BEACON/MILESTONES- 700-800+</p>

- **Gifted Identified Students Only** – As required by the state DOE, all gifted students will receive services in **at least one** advanced content (AC) class **in an area of strength**.
- All placements are contingent upon teacher allotment, the current population served, and available space per class each year.
- Successful completion of AC content courses (maintaining 80% or higher) is required for continuation to the next grade level.
- Maintaining an 80% or higher is required to continue in every AC course. If a student does not maintain an 80% each quarter, the student will be placed on Academic Probation for one quarter. If 80% is not maintained for three total quarters, the student will be removed from the AC course. This is the requirement for all AC courses in all subject areas.

**The local eligibility committee will consider placing additional students in Tiers I and II of the AC classes according to the following:**

- Questions about student scores can be answered by students' teachers, grade level counselors, or administrators.
- Where applicable, teacher recommendations should come from subject area teachers in student's current grade level, or previous grade level if student is transferring from another **middle school**.
- Classes must have seats available after all students meeting initial requirements are placed.
- Determination will depend on the student's total qualifications in any area compared with other students being considered for placement in the same grade and content area.

**\*Garrett respectfully would like to convey that requests or recommendations do not guarantee placement. \***

**Note:** Due to separate high school requirements, AC at Garrett does not guarantee placement in high school Advanced Placement.

- **We reserve the right to revise/edit as needed.**