

2025-2026 Hightower Trail Middle School AC Placement Criteria

6th Grade: AC Placement (must meet all listed criteria)

AC Language Arts	AC Social Studies	AC Science	AC Math	Math 6/7	AC Reading
1) IOWA Reading Total ≥ 80 2) BEACON Lexile Score ≥ 1010	1) IOWA Social Studies Total ≥ 75 2) BEACON Lexile Score ≥ 1010 OR Placement in AC ELA and AC Reading	1) IOWA Science Total ≥ 75 2) BEACON Lexile Score ≥ 1010 OR Placement into Math 6/7 or AC Math	IOWA Math Total from 70-87	IOWA Math Total ≥ 88 <i>*Per CCSD- 99% on IOWA Math can qualify for Math 7/8</i>	1) IOWA Reading Total ≥ 80 2) BEACON Lexile Score ≥ 1010

7th Grade: AC Placement (must meet all listed criteria)

All new ELA, Reading and Social Studies AC class placement requires BEACON Lexile score ≥ 1080 .

AC Language Arts	AC Social Studies	AC Science	AC Math	Math 7/8	AC Reading
Completion of AC ELA 6 with class average ≥ 80 OR On level ELA class average ≥ 95	Completion of AC SS 6 with average ≥ 80 OR On level SS class average ≥ 90	Completion of AC Sci 6 with class average ≥ 80 OR On level Sci class average ≥ 90	Completion of AC Math 6 with a test av. ≥ 80 OR Math 6/7 test av. of 78-84	Completion of Math 6/7 with a test average ≥ 85	Completion of AC Reading 6 with class average ≥ 80 OR On level Reading class average ≥ 95

8th Grade: AC Placement (must meet all listed criteria)

AC Language Arts	AC Social Studies	AC Science	Physical Science (for HS credit)	Algebra I/Enhanced math 8 (former Alg. 1) (for HS Credit)	Honors Algebra (former Alg.1/Geo A) (for HS credit)
Completion of AC ELA 7 with class average ≥ 80 OR 1) 7 th IOWA ELA Total ≥ 78 2) On level ELA class average ≥ 90 3) BEACON Lexile ≥ 1100	Completion of AC SS 7 with class average ≥ 80 OR 1) On level SS class average ≥ 90 2) 7 th IOWA Reading Total ≥ 60 3) BEACON Lexile ≥ 1100	Completion of AC Sci 7 with class average ≥ 80 OR On level Sci class average ≥ 88	1) Completion of AC Sci 7 with class av. ≥ 80 2) Successful completion of Acc. Math in 7 th grade OR 1) On level Science class av. ≥ 88 2) Enrolled in HS Math	Completion of AC Math 7 with a test average ≥ 80 OR Completion of Math 7/8 with a test average of 78-84	Completion of Math 7/8 with a test average of ≥ 85

