

# 2026-2027 Hightower Trail Middle School AC Placement Criteria

## 6<sup>th</sup> 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 $\geq 80$ 2) BEACON Lexile Score $\geq 1010$	BEACON Lexile Score $\geq 1010$ <b>OR</b> Placement in AC ELA and AC Reading	BEACON Lexile Score $\geq 1010$ <b>OR</b> Placement into Math 6/7 or AC Math	IOWA Math Total from 70-89	IOWA Math Total $\geq 90$  <i>*Per CCSD- 99% on IOWA Math can qualify for Math 7/8</i>	1) IOWA Reading Total $\geq 80$ 2) BEACON Lexile Score $\geq 1010$

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: AC Placement (must meet all listed criteria)

**All new ELA, Reading and Social Studies AC class placement requires BEACON Lexile score  $\geq 1080$ .**

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

## 8<sup>th</sup> 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)	Spanish I (for HS credit)
Completion of AC ELA 7 with class average $\geq 80$ <b>OR</b> 1) 7 <sup>th</sup> IOWA ELA Total $\geq 78$ 2) On level ELA class average $\geq 90$ 3) BEACON Lexile $\geq 1100$	Completion of AC SS 7 with class average $\geq 80$ <b>OR</b> 1) On level SS class average $\geq 90$ 2) 7 <sup>th</sup> IOWA Reading Total $\geq 60$ 3) BEACON Lexile $\geq 1100$	Completion of AC Sci 7 with class average $\geq 80$ <b>OR</b> On level Sci class average $\geq 88$	1) Completion of AC Sci 7 with class av. $\geq 80$ 2) Successful completion of Acc. Math in 7 <sup>th</sup> grade <b>OR</b> 1) On level Science class av. $\geq 88$ 2) Enrolled in HS Math	Completion of AC Math 7 with a test average $\geq 80$ <b>OR</b> Completion of Math 7/8 with a test average of 78-84	Completion of Math 7/8 with a test average of $\geq 85$	1) Completion of 7 <sup>th</sup> grade reading with av. of $\geq 80$ 2) 7 <sup>th</sup> gr. IOWA ELA or Reading $\geq 50$ 3) 7 <sup>th</sup> gr. teacher recommendation