

Palmer Advanced Content (AC) Placement Criteria – 2025-2026

Course	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
READING	<p><u>MUST HAVE 2 TO QUALIFY</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) IOWA READING TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) ≥ 1000 Beacon Lexile Score 3) Level IV on 5th ELA Milestone 4) Successfully completed Advanced Reading in 5th Grade 5) Gifted Identified 	<p>Successful completion of 6th Grade AC Reading (80% class avg) <u>OR</u> 6th Grade ELA Class Average $\geq 90\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 3)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) IOWA READING TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) Level IV on 6th ELA Milestone 3) ≥ 1030 Beacon Lexile Score 4) Gifted Identified 	<p>N/A *Accelerated course in 8th is High School Spanish I*</p>
LANGUAGE ARTS	<p><u>MUST HAVE 2 TO QUALIFY</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) IOWA ELA TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) IOWA READING TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 3) ≥ 1000 Beacon Lexile Score 4) Level IV on 5th ELA Milestone 5) Successfully completed Advanced ELA in 5th Grade 6) Gifted Identified 	<p>Successful completion of 6th Grade AC ELA (80% class avg) <u>OR</u> 6th Grade ELA Class Average $\geq 90\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 4)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) IOWA ELA TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) Level IV on 6th ELA Milestone 3) ≥ 1030 Beacon Lexile Score 4) Gifted Identified 	<p>Successful completion of 7th Grade AC ELA (80% class avg) <u>OR</u> 7th Grade ELA Class Average $\geq 90\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 4)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) IOWA ELA TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) Level IV on 7th ELA Milestone 3) ≥ 1095 Beacon Lexile Score 4) Gifted Identified
MATH	<p><u>MATH 6/7: IOWA MATH TOTAL $> 85\%$</u> <u>AND (1 of the 3)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) ≥ 800 Beacon Quantile Score 2) Level IV on 5th Math Milestone 3) Successfully completed Advanced Math in 5th Grade <p><u>Advanced Math 6: MUST HAVE 2 TO QUALIFY</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) IOWA MATH TOTAL $> 70\%$ 2) ≥ 800 Beacon Quantile Score 3) Level IV on 5th Math Milestone 4) Successfully completed Advanced Math in 5th Grade 	<p><u>MATH 7/8:</u> Successful completion of Math 6/7 with at least an 80% cumulative test average</p> <p><u>Advanced Math 7:</u> Successful completion of Advanced Math 6 with at least 80% class average <u>OR (must have all)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 6th Grade Math Test Average $\geq 90\%$ 2) ≥ 820 Beacon Quantile Score or Level IV on 6th Grade Math Milestone 	<p><u>Advanced Math 8:</u> Successful completion of Advanced Math 7 with at least 78% Test average <u>OR</u> 7th Grade Math Test Average $\geq 90\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 3)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) ≥ 910 Beacon Quantile Score 2) Level IV on 7th Grade Math Milestone 3) $\geq 70\%$ IOWA MATH TOTAL
SOCIAL STUDIES	<p>IOWA SOCIAL STUDIES TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 3)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) ≥ 1000 Beacon Lexile Score 2) $\geq 70\%$ 5th Iowa Reading Total 3) Gifted Identified 	<p>Successful completion of 6th Grade AC Social Studies <u>OR</u> 6th Grade SS Class Average $\geq 90\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 3)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) IOWA SS TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) ≥ 1030 Beacon Lexile Score 3) Gifted Identified 	<p>Successful completion of 7th Grade AC Social Studies <u>OR</u> 7th Grade SS Class Average $\geq 90\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 3)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) IOWA SS TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) ≥ 1095 Beacon Lexile Score 3) Gifted Identified
SCIENCE	<p>IOWA Science TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 3)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) ≥ 1000 Beacon Lexile Score 2) $\geq 70\%$ 5th Iowa Reading Total 3) Gifted Identified 	<p>Successful completion of 6th Grade AC Science <u>OR</u> 6th Grade Sci Class Average $\geq 90\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 3)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) IOWA SCI TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) ≥ 1030 Beacon Lexile Score 3) Gifted Identified 	<p>N/A *Accelerated course in 8th is High School Physical Science*</p>

Additional 8th Grade Accelerated Courses for High School Credit *These courses are only for 8th Grade students who qualify*

Spanish I MS-HS	Physical Science MS-HS	Honors Algebra
<p>Students must have 2 of the 4 criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) ≥ 1095 Beacon Lexile Score 2) $\geq 60\%$ on Iowa ELA or Reading Total 3) $\geq 85\%$ ELA Class Average 4) Gifted Identified 	<p>Successful completion of 7th Grade AC Science <u>OR</u> 7th Grade Sci Class Average $\geq 90\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 3)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) IOWA SCI TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) ≥ 1095 Beacon Lexile Score 3) Gifted Identified 	<p>Completion of Math 7/8 & must have 3 of the 5 criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) IOWA MATH TOTAL $\geq 80\%$ 2) ≥ 910 Beacon Quantile Score 3) Level IV on 7th Grade Math Milestone 4) $\geq 80\%$ Math 7/8 Class Average 5) $\geq 75\%$ Math 7/8 Test Average