



# Dickerson Middle School

Placement Criteria for Advanced Content Courses  
2025-2026 School Year

Course	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
AC English Language Arts	<p><b>TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA ELA ≥ 85%</li><li>2. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA Read ≥ 85%</li><li>3. Beacon Lexile ≥ 1075</li><li>4. Gifted Identified</li></ol>	<p>6<sup>th</sup> Grade AC ELA Cumulative Summative Average ≥ 80%</p> <p><u><b>OR</b></u></p> <p>6<sup>TH</sup> Grade ELA Cumulative Summative Average ≥ 90%</p> <p><u><b>AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING</b></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA ELA ≥ 80%</li><li>2. Beacon Lexile ≥ 1125</li></ol>	<p>7<sup>th</sup> Grade AC ELA Cumulative Summative Average ≥ 80%</p> <p><u><b>OR</b></u></p> <p>7<sup>TH</sup> Grade ELA Cumulative Summative Average ≥ 90%</p> <p><u><b>AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING</b></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA ELA ≥ 80%</li><li>2. Beacon Lexile ≥ 1190</li></ol>
AC Reading	Must Qualify for AC ELA	<p>6<sup>th</sup> Grade AC Reading Cumulative Summative Average ≥ 80%</p> <p><u><b>OR</b></u></p> <p>6<sup>TH</sup> Grade Reading Cumulative Summative Average ≥ 90%</p> <p><u><b>AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING</b></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA Read ≥ 80%</li><li>2. Beacon Lexile ≥ 1125</li></ol>	<p><b>HS Spanish I</b></p> <p><i>*Must be in good academic standing across all classes, including math*</i></p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> Grade AC ELA Class Average ≥ 80%</p> <p><u><b>OR</b></u></p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Class Average ≥ 90%</p> <p><u><b>AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</b></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA ELA ≥ 60%</li><li>2. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA Read ≥ 60%</li></ol>
AC Social Studies	<p><b>TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA SS ≥ 85%</li><li>2. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA Read ≥ 80%</li><li>3. Beacon Lexile ≥ 1075</li><li>4. Gifted Identified</li></ol>	<p>6<sup>th</sup> Grade AC SS Cumulative Summative Average ≥ 80%</p> <p><u><b>OR</b></u></p> <p>6<sup>TH</sup> Grade SS Cumulative Summative Average ≥ 90%</p> <p><u><b>AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</b></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 5<sup>th</sup> grade IOWA SS ≥ 80%</li><li>2. Beacon Lexile ≥ 1125</li></ol>	<p>7<sup>th</sup> Grade AC SS Cumulative Summative Average ≥ 80%</p> <p><u><b>OR</b></u></p> <p>7<sup>TH</sup> Grade SS Cumulative Summative Average ≥ 90%</p> <p><u><b>AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</b></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 7<sup>th</sup> grade IOWA SS ≥ 80%</li><li>2. Beacon Lexile ≥ 1190</li></ol>
AC Science & HS Physical Science (8 <sup>th</sup> only)	<p><b>TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA Science ≥ 85%</li><li>2. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA Read ≥ 80%</li><li>3. Beacon Lexile ≥ 1075</li><li>4. Gifted Identified</li></ol>	<p>6<sup>th</sup> Grade AC Science Cumulative Summative Average ≥ 80%</p> <p><u><b>OR</b></u></p> <p>6<sup>TH</sup> Grade Science Cumulative Summative Average ≥ 90%</p> <p><u><b>AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</b></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 5<sup>th</sup> grade IOWA Science ≥ 80%</li><li>2. Beacon Lexile ≥ 1125</li></ol>	<p>7<sup>th</sup> Grade AC Science Cumulative Summative Average ≥ 80%</p> <p><u><b>OR</b></u></p> <p>7<sup>TH</sup> Grade Science Cumulative Summative Average ≥ 90%</p> <p><u><b>AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</b></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 7<sup>th</sup> grade IOWA Science ≥ 80%</li><li>2. Beacon Lexile ≥ 1190</li></ol>
			<p><b>HSPS</b></p> <p><i><b>*Must meet both requirements*</b></i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Qualifies for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade AC Science</li><li>2. Qualifies for High School Math or AC Math 8</li></ol>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All gifted-identified students will receive service in at least one AC course. Additional AC classes will be scheduled if students meet the qualifiers above.</li><li>• This criterion CANNOT be waived for placement <u>into</u> a course; however, a parent may choose to opt out of a course where a student is placed.</li></ul>			