



Dickerson Middle School

Placement Criteria for Advanced Content Courses
2026-2027 School Year

Course	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
AC English Language Arts	<p>TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5th Grade IOWA ELA \geq 85% 5th Grade IOWA Read \geq 85% Beacon Lexile \geq 1050 Gifted Identified 	<p>6th Grade AC ELA Cumulative Class Average \geq 80%</p> <p>OR</p> <p>6th Grade ELA Cumulative Class Average \geq 90%</p> <p>AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5th Grade IOWA ELA \geq 80% Beacon Lexile \geq 1125 	<p>7th Grade AC ELA Cumulative Class Average \geq 80%</p> <p>OR</p> <p>7th Grade ELA Cumulative Class Average \geq 90%</p> <p>AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7th Grade IOWA ELA \geq 80% Beacon Lexile \geq 1190
AC Reading	Must Qualify for AC ELA	<p>6th Grade AC Reading Cumulative Class Average \geq 80%</p> <p>OR</p> <p>6th Grade Reading Cumulative Class Average \geq 90%</p> <p>AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5th Grade IOWA Read \geq 80% Beacon Lexile \geq 1125 	<p>HS Spanish I</p> <p><i>*Must be in good academic standing across all classes, including math*</i></p> <p>7th Grade AC ELA Class Average \geq 80%</p> <p>OR</p> <p>7th Grade ELA Class Average \geq 90%</p> <p>AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7th Grade IOWA ELA \geq 60% 7th Grade IOWA Read \geq 60%
AC Social Studies	<p>TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5th Grade IOWA Read \geq 85% Beacon Lexile \geq 1050 Gifted Identified 	<p>6th Grade AC SS Cumulative Summative Average \geq 80%</p> <p>OR</p> <p>6th Grade SS Cumulative Summative Average \geq 90%</p> <p>AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5th grade IOWA SS \geq 80% Beacon Lexile \geq 1125 	<p>7th Grade AC SS Cumulative Summative Average \geq 80%</p> <p>OR</p> <p>7th Grade SS Cumulative Summative Average \geq 90%</p> <p>AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7th grade IOWA SS \geq 80% Beacon Lexile \geq 1190
AC Science & HS Physical Science (8th only)	<p>TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5th Grade IOWA Read \geq 85% Beacon Lexile \geq 1050 Gifted Identified 	<p>6th Grade AC Science Cumulative Summative Average \geq 80%</p> <p>OR</p> <p>6th Grade Science Cumulative Summative Average \geq 90%</p> <p>AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5th grade IOWA Science \geq 80% Beacon Lexile \geq 1125 	<p>7th Grade AC Science Cumulative Summative Average \geq 80%</p> <p>OR</p> <p>7th Grade Science Cumulative Summative Average \geq 90%</p> <p>AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7th grade IOWA Science \geq 80% Beacon Lexile \geq 1190
			<p>HS PS</p> <p><i>*Must meet both requirements*</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Qualifies for 8th Grade AC Science Qualifies for High School Math or AC Math 8

- 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.
- This criterion CANNOT be waived for placement **into** a course; however, a parent may choose to opt out of a course where a student is placed.