

Durham Middle School
Advanced Content Course Placement Criteria
2025 - 2026

| Course | 6 th Grade | 7 th Grade | 8 th Grade |
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| AC Language Arts | <u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 85th NPR Language Iowa Total (5th Grade) BEACON Lexile ≥990 Successful completion of 5th Grade AC ELA | <u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 85th NPR Language Iowa Total (5th Grade) BEACON Lexile ≥1050 Successful completion of ELA 6 with a final grade average of ≥ 90% <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of 6th Grade AC ELA | <u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 85th NPR Language Iowa Total (7th Grade) BEACON Lexile ≥1125 Successful completion of ELA 7 with a final grade average of ≥ 90% grade average <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of 7th Grade AC ELA |
| AC Reading | <u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 85th NPR Reading Iowa Total (5th Grade) BEACON Lexile ≥990 Successful completion of 5th Grade AC Reading | <u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 85th NPR Reading Iowa Total (5th Grade) BEACON Lexile ≥1050 Successful completion of Reading 6 with a final grade average of ≥ 90% <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of 6th Grade AC Reading | |
| Intermediate Spanish | | | <u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 50th NPR Reading Iowa Total (7th Grade) BEACON Lexile ≥1050 Successful completion of Reading 7 with a final grade average of ≥ 85% |
| AC Social Studies | <u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 85th NPR Reading Iowa Total (5th Grade) ≥ 85th NPR Social Studies Iowa Total (5th Grade) BEACON Lexile ≥990 Successful completion of 5th Grade AC ELA or AC Reading Gifted Eligible with 70th NPR Iowa (5th Grade) | <u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 85th NPR Reading Iowa Total (5th Grade) ≥ 85th NPR Social Studies Iowa Total (5th Grade) BEACON Lexile ≥1060 Successful completion of ELA 6 with a final grade average of ≥ 90% Gifted Eligible with 70th NPR Iowa (5th Grade) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of 6th Grade AC SS | <u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 85th NPR Reading Iowa Total (7th Grade) ≥ 85th NPR Social Studies Iowa Total (7th Grade) BEACON Lexile ≥1125 Successful completion of Social Studies 7 with a final grade average of ≥ 90% grade average Gifted Eligible with 70th NPR Iowa (7th Grade) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of 7th Grade AC SS |
| AC Science | <u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 80th NPR Reading Iowa Total (5th Grade) ≥ 85th NPR Science Iowa Total (5th Grade) BEACON Lexile ≥990 Successful completion of 5th Grade AC ELA Gifted Eligible with 70th NPR Iowa (5th Grade) | <u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 85th NPR Reading Iowa Total (5th Grade) ≥ 85th NPR Science Iowa Total (5th Grade) BEACON Lexile ≥1060 Successful completion of Science 6 with a final grade average of ≥ 90% Gifted Eligible with 70th NPR Iowa (5th Grade) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of 6th Grade AC Science | <u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 75th NPR Science Iowa Total (7th Grade) ≥ 75th NPR Math Iowa Total (7th Grade) BEACON Lexile ≥1125 Successful completion of Science 7 with a final grade average of ≥ 90% grade average Gifted Eligible with 70th NPR Iowa (7th Grade) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of 7th Grade AC Science |
| Math 6/7 | <u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 85th NPR Math Iowa Total (5th Grade) BEACON Quantile ≥815 Successful completion of 5th Grade AC Math | | |
| Advanced Math | <u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 70th NPR Math Iowa Total (5thGrade) BEACON Quantile ≥775 Successful completion of 5th Grade AC Math | <u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 70th NPR Math Iowa Total (5thGrade) BEACON Quantile ≥915 Successful completion Math 6 with a final grade average of ≥ 90% | <u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 75th NPR Math Iowa Total (7thGrade) BEACON Quantile ≥1005 The successful completion Math 7 with a final grade average of ≥ 90% |
| Math 7/8 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of Math 6/7 with a final grade average of ≥ 80% | |

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High School Credit Course Placement Criteria
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| Course | 8 th Grade |
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| Algebra I | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of Math 7/8 |
| High School Physical Science | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Must meet three of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 85th NPR Math IOWA Total (7th Grade) ≥ 85th NPR Science IOWA Total (7th Grade) BEACON Quantile ≥985 Successful completion of 7th Grade AC Science with a final grade average of ≥ 80% Successful completion of 7th Grade Advanced Math or Math 7/8 with a final grade average of ≥ 80% |
| High School Foreign Language | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 85th NPR Reading IOWA Total (7th Grade) BEACON Lexile ≥1125 Successful completion of 7th Grade Reading with a final grade average of ≥ 90% <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of 7th Grade AC Reading |
| High School Visual Arts Comp | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chosen by application, accompanied by the submission of multiple pieces of artwork |

- A student must meet the requirements to be placed in an advanced class.
- Placement is not determined by parent request or by teacher recommendation.
- All placements are contingent upon teacher allotment and available space per class each year.
- Normed/State assessments will be considered for students new to Cobb County.
- Criteria is evaluated and is subject to change each school year.
- Students that receive gifted services are guaranteed at least 1 advanced content class per year.