

**Durham Middle School**  
**Advanced Content Course Placement Criteria**  
**2026 - 2027**

Course	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>AC Language Arts</b>	<p><u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 85<sup>th</sup> NPR Language IOWA Total (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> <li>BEACON Lexile ≥990</li> <li>Successful completion of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade AC ELA</li> </ul>	<p><u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 85<sup>th</sup> NPR Language IOWA Total (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> <li>BEACON Lexile ≥1050</li> <li>Successful completion of ELA 6 with a final grade average of ≥ 90%</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful completion of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade AC ELA</li> </ul>	<p><u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 85<sup>th</sup> NPR Language IOWA Total (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> <li>BEACON Lexile ≥1125</li> <li>Successful completion of ELA 7 with a final grade average of ≥ 90% grade average</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful completion of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade AC ELA</li> </ul>
<b>AC Reading</b>	<p><u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 85<sup>th</sup> NPR Reading IOWA Total (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> <li>BEACON Lexile ≥990</li> <li>Successful completion of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade AC Reading</li> </ul>	<p><u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 85<sup>th</sup> NPR Reading IOWA Total (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> <li>BEACON Lexile ≥1050</li> <li>Successful completion of Reading 6 with a final grade average of ≥ 90%</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful completion of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade AC Reading</li> </ul>	
<b>Intermediate Spanish</b>			<p><u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 50<sup>th</sup> NPR Reading IOWA Total (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> <li>BEACON Lexile ≥1000</li> <li>Successful completion of Reading 7 with a final grade average of ≥ 85%</li> </ul>
<b>AC Social Studies</b>	<p><u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 85<sup>th</sup> NPR Reading IOWA Total (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> <li>BEACON Lexile ≥990</li> <li>Successful completion of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade AC ELA or AC Reading</li> <li>Gifted Eligible with 70<sup>th</sup> NPR IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> </ul>	<p><u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 85<sup>th</sup> NPR Reading IOWA Total (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> <li>≥ 85<sup>th</sup> NPR Social Studies IOWA Total (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> <li>BEACON Lexile ≥1050</li> <li>Successful completion of ELA 6 with a final grade average of ≥ 90%</li> <li>Gifted Eligible with 70<sup>th</sup> NPR IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful completion of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade AC SS</li> </ul>	<p><u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 85<sup>th</sup> NPR Reading IOWA Total (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> <li>≥ 85<sup>th</sup> NPR Social Studies IOWA Total (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> <li>BEACON Lexile ≥1125</li> <li>Successful completion of Social Studies 7 with a final grade average of ≥ 90% grade average</li> <li>Gifted Eligible with 70<sup>th</sup> NPR IOWA (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful completion of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade AC SS</li> </ul>
<b>AC Science</b>	<p><u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 85<sup>th</sup> NPR Reading IOWA Total (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> <li>BEACON Lexile ≥990</li> <li>Successful completion of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade AC ELA or AC Reading</li> <li>Gifted Eligible with 70<sup>th</sup> NPR IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> </ul>	<p><u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 85<sup>th</sup> NPR Reading IOWA Total (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> <li>≥ 85<sup>th</sup> NPR Science IOWA Total (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> <li>BEACON Lexile ≥1050</li> <li>Successful completion of Science 6 with a final grade average of ≥ 90%</li> <li>Gifted Eligible with 70<sup>th</sup> NPR IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful completion of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade AC Science</li> </ul>	<p><u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 75<sup>th</sup> NPR Science IOWA Total (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> <li>≥ 75<sup>th</sup> NPR Math IOWA Total (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> <li>BEACON Lexile ≥1125</li> <li>Successful completion of Science 7 with a final grade average of ≥ 90% grade average</li> <li>Gifted Eligible with 70<sup>th</sup> NPR IOWA (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful completion of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade AC Science</li> </ul>
<b>Math 6/7</b>	<p><u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 85<sup>th</sup> NPR Math IOWA Total (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</li> <li>BEACON Quantile ≥815</li> <li>Successful completion of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade AC Math</li> </ul>		
<b>Advanced Math</b>	<p><u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 70<sup>th</sup> NPR Math IOWA Total (5<sup>th</sup>Grade)</li> <li>BEACON Quantile ≥775</li> <li>Successful completion of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade AC Math</li> </ul>	<p><u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 70<sup>th</sup> NPR Math IOWA Total (5<sup>th</sup>Grade)</li> <li>BEACON Quantile ≥915</li> <li>Successful completion Math 6 with a final grade average of ≥ 90% or Advanced Math 6 with a final grade average of ≥ 85%</li> </ul>	<p><u>Must meet two of the following criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 70<sup>th</sup> NPR Math IOWA Total (7<sup>th</sup>Grade)</li> <li>BEACON Quantile ≥1005</li> <li>The successful completion Math 7 with a final grade average of ≥ 90% or Advanced Math 7 with a final grade average of ≥ 85%</li> </ul>
<b>Math 7/8</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful completion of Math 6/7 with a final grade average of ≥ 80%</li> </ul>	

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

- 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 are evaluated and subject to change each school year.
- Students that receive gifted services are guaranteed at least 1 advanced content class per year.