



# Dodgen Middle School

## Placement Criteria for Advanced Content Courses

### 2026-2027 School Year

Course	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>AC English Language Arts</b>	<p><b>2 of 3 Criteria:</b>            ≥85%ile LA Total on IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)            ≥85%ile Reading Total on IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)            BEACON Lexile ≥1075</p> <p><b>OR</b>            Gifted Eligible with ≥85%tile LA Total on IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p>	<p>Successful completion of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade AC ELA</p> <p><b>OR</b>            ≥90% Average in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA</p> <p><b>AND Both Criteria:</b>            BEACON Lexile ≥1125            6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Assessment Average ≥90%</p>	<p>Successful completion of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade AC ELA</p> <p><b>OR</b>            ≥90% Average in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA</p> <p><b>AND 2 of 4 Criteria:</b>            BEACON Lexile ≥1190            7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Assessment Average ≥90%            ≥85%ile LA Total on IOWA (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)            ≥85%ile Reading Total on IOWA (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p>
<b>AC Reading</b>	<p><b>2 of 3 Criteria:</b>            ≥85%ile LA Total on IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)            ≥85%ile Reading Total on IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)            BEACON Lexile ≥1075</p> <p><b>OR</b>            Gifted Eligible with ≥85%tile Reading Total (or LA if not available) on IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p>	<p>Successful completion of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade AC Reading</p> <p><b>OR</b>            ≥90% Average in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading with BEACON Lexile ≥1125</p>	
<b>AC Social Studies</b>	<p><b>2 of 3 Criteria:</b>            ≥85%ile LA Total with IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)            ≥85%ile Reading Total on IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)            BEACON Lexile ≥1075</p> <p><b>OR</b>            Gifted Eligible with ≥85%tile LA Total on IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p>	<p>Successful completion of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade AC SS</p> <p><b>OR</b>            ≥95% Average in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade SS</p> <p><b>AND Both Criteria:</b>            BEACON Lexile" ≥1125            6<sup>th</sup> Grade SS Assessment Average ≥90%</p>	<p>Successful completion of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade AC SS</p> <p><b>OR</b>            ≥90% Average in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade SS</p> <p><b>AND 2 of 4 Criteria:</b>            BEACON Lexile ≥1190            7<sup>th</sup> Grade SS Assessment Average ≥90%            ≥85%ile SS Total on IOWA (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)            ≥85%ile Reading Total on IOWA (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p>
<b>AC Science</b>	<p><b>3 of 4 Criteria:</b>            ≥85%ile LA Total on IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)            ≥85%ile Math Total on IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)            BEACON Lexile ≥1075            BEACON Quantile ≥ 925</p> <p><b>OR</b>            Gifted Eligible with BEACON Lexile ≥ 1075            AND placement in AC Math 6 or higher</p>	<p>Successful completion of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade AC Sci</p> <p><b>OR</b>            ≥90% Average in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science</p> <p><b>AND Both Criteria:</b>            BEACON Lexile ≥1125            6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Assessment Average ≥90%</p>	<p>The successful completion of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade AC Sci</p> <p><b>OR Both Criteria:</b>            ≥90% Average in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Class with 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Assessment Average ≥90%</p> <p><b>AND one Additional Criteria:</b>            ≥85%ile Science Total on IOWA (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)            ≥80%ile Math Total on IOWA (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p> <p><i>Students who successfully complete AC Science in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and do not qualify for HS Credit Math will be placed in AC Science.</i></p>
<b>*HS Credit Physical Science</b>			<p><b>Both Criteria:</b>            Successful completion of AC Science 7 and Qualify for High School Credit Math</p>
<b>*HS Credit Spanish</b>			<p>Successful completion of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade AC ELA</p> <p><b>OR All Criteria:</b>            ≥60%ile on ELA Total IOWA (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)            ≥60%ile on Reading Total IOWA (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)            Passing average in all classes            Spring Lexile ≥1120            ≥80% average in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA</p>
<b>Advanced Math</b>	<p>≥80 – 84%ile Math Total on IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p> <p><b>OR</b>            Successful completion of AC Math 5 with BEACON Quantile ≥ 925</p>	<p>Successful completion of Advanced Math 6</p> <p><b>OR Both Criteria:</b>            ≥90% Average in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math with Math 6 unit test average ≥85%</p> <p><b>OR</b>            Math 6/7 unit test average of &lt;74%</p>	<p>≤80% Average in AC Math 7</p> <p><b>OR</b>            ≥90% Average in Math 7 Class with Math 7 unit test average of ≥85%</p>
<b>Math 6/7</b>	<p>≥85%ile Math Total IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p>		
<b>Math 7/8</b>		<p>The successful completion of Math 6/7 with Math 6/7 unit test average of ≥74%</p> <p><b>OR</b>            99%ile on Math Total IOWA (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p>	
<b>*HS Credit Enhanced 8/ Algebra</b>			<p><b>Both Criteria</b>            Successful completion of AC Math 7 (≥80%) with AC Math 7 unit test average ≥88%</p> <p><b>OR</b>            Successful completion of Math 7/8 with unit test average &lt;74%</p>
<b>*HS Credit Algebra</b>			<p>Successful completion of Math 7/8 with unit test average ≥74%</p>
<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 criteria cannot be waived for placement into a course; however, a parent may choose to opt out of a course where a student is placed.</li> <li>Test &amp; Grade averages used for placement are earned in Q1 – Q3 for scheduling purposes. We use only the original test average (not re-test scores).</li> <li>Should Q4 performance drop, placement may be impacted.</li> <li>"Successful completion" of an AC course means that the student meets the Advanced Learning Continuation Criteria with an overall grade of ≥80% for the year.</li> </ul>			