What are the recommended guidelines for 4th grade placement?
Local schools may choose one of the following options for determining qualified students at their school.

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AC Reading/ELA –

Option 1: 4th grade students must have a minimum of 9 points to qualify for AC coursework in this subject.

Descriptor	2 points	3 points
Class performance	'**3**' or '**3+**' - yearly average in 3rd grade Reading	'**3**' or '**3+**' - yearly average in 3rd grade Reading and Language Arts
Motivation	"Strong reader. Completes all assigned work for reading and language arts." (as described by classroom teacher(s))	"Loves to read and/or write. Enjoys a challenge. Completes all work as assigned and often goes above and beyond requirements." (as described by teacher(s))
Achievement	85-89th %ile Total Reading on 3rd grade IOWA **AND EITHER** Proficient learner designation on Milestones in ELA OR Spring Beacon ELA score ≥ 430 (Milestones predictive score of proficient)	90-99th %ile Total Reading on 3rd grade IOWA **OR** Distinguished learner designation on Milestones in ELA **OR** Spring Beacon ELA score ≥ 505 (Milestones predictive score of distinguished)
Ability	80-89th %ile Verbal age percentile on 3rd grade CogAT	90-99th %ile Verbal age percentile on 3rd grade CogAT

Option 2: Schools may elect to eliminate the motivation **or** classroom performance criteria. All 3 remaining criteria must be met.

Descriptor	Criteria
Class performance	'**3**' or '**3+**' - yearly average in 3rd grade Reading
Motivation	"Strong reader. Completes all assigned work for reading and language arts." (as described by classroom teacher(s))
Achievement	90 - 99th %ile Total Reading on 3rd grade IOWA **OR** Distinguished learner designation on Milestones in English Language Arts **OR** Spring Beacon ELA score ≥ 505 (Milestones predictive score of distinguished)
Ability	85 - 99th %ile Verbal age percentile on 3rd grade CogAT

AC Math –

Option 1: 4th grade students must have a minimum of 9 points to qualify for AC coursework in this subject.

Descriptor	2 points	3 points
Class performance	'**3**' - yearly average in 3rd grade Math	'**3+**' - yearly average in 3rd grade Math
Motivation	"Strong math student. Completes all assigned work for math class." (as described by classroom teacher(s))	"Loves math class and playing with numbers. Enjoys a challenge. Completes all work as assigned and often goes above and beyond requirements." (as described by teacher(s))
Achievement	85-89th %ile Total Math on 3rd grade IOWA **AND EITHER** Proficient learner designation on Milestones in Math OR Spring Beacon Math score ≥ 389 (Milestones predictive score of proficient)	90-99th %ile Total Math on 3rd grade IOWA **OR** Distinguished learner designation on Milestones in Math **OR** Spring Beacon Math score ≥ 446 (Milestones predictive score of distinguished)
Ability	80-89th %ile Quantitative age percentile on 3rd grade CogAT	90-99th %ile Quantitative age percentile on 3rd grade CogAT

Option 2: Schools may elect to eliminate the motivation **or** classroom performance criteria. All 3 remaining criteria must be met.

Descriptor	Criteria
Class performance	'**3**' or '**3+**'- yearly average in 3rd grade Math
Motivation	"Strong math student. Completes all assigned work for math class." (as described by classroom teacher(s))
Achievement	90 - 99th %ile Total Math on 3rd grade IOWA **OR** Distinguished learner designation on Milestones in Math **OR** Spring Beacon Math score ≥ 446 (Milestones predictive score of distinguished)
Ability	85 - 99th %ile Quantitative age percentile on 3rd grade CogAT

What are the recommended guidelines for continued placement from 4th to 5th grade AC?

Descriptor	Criteria
Class performance	80-100% yearly average
Milestones	Proficient or Distinguished learner designation in the AC course subject

ADVANCED LEARNING
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ADVANCED CONTENT & EXTENSION

What are the recommended guidelines for 5th grade placement?
Local schools may choose one of the following options for determining qualified students at their school.

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AC Reading/ELA –
Option 1: 5th grade students must have a minimum of 9 points to qualify for AC coursework in this subject.

Descriptor	2 points	3 points
Class performance	90-100% - yearly average in 4th grade Reading	90-100% - yearly average in 4th grade Reading and Language Arts
Motivation	"Strong reader. Completes all assigned work for reading and language arts." (as described by classroom teacher(s))	"Loves to read and/or write. Enjoys a challenge. Completes all work as assigned and often goes above and beyond requirements." (as described by teacher(s))
Achievement	85-89th %ile Total Reading on most recent IOWA **AND EITHER** Proficient learner designation on Milestones in ELA OR Spring Beacon ELA score ≥ 465 (Milestones predictive score of proficient)	90-99th %ile Total Reading on most recent IOWA **OR** Distinguished learner designation on Milestones in ELA **OR** Spring Beacon ELA score ≥ 530 (Milestones predictive score of distinguished)
Ability	80-89th %ile Verbal age percentile on 3rd grade CogAT	90-99th %ile Verbal age percentile on 3rd grade CogAT

Option 2: Schools may elect to eliminate the motivation **or** classroom performance criteria. All 3 remaining criteria must be met.

Descriptor	Criteria
Class performance	90-100% - yearly average in 4th grade Reading
Motivation	"Strong reader. Completes all assigned work for reading and language arts." (as described by classroom teacher(s))
Achievement	90 - 99th %ile Total Reading on most recent IOWA **OR** Distinguished learner designation on Milestones in English Language Arts **OR** Spring Beacon ELA score ≥ 530 (Milestones predictive score of distinguished)
Ability	85 - 99th %ile Verbal age percentile on 3rd grade CogAT

AC Math –

Option 1: 5th grade students must have a minimum of 9 points to qualify for AC coursework in this subject.

Descriptor	2 points	3 points
Class performance	85 - 89% - yearly average in 4th grade Math	90-100% - yearly average in 4th grade Math
Motivation	"Strong math student. Completes all assigned work for math class." (as described by classroom teacher(s))	"Loves math class and playing with numbers. Enjoys a challenge. Completes all work as assigned and often goes above and beyond requirements." (as described by teacher(s))
Achievement	85-89th %ile Total Math on most recent IOWA **AND EITHER** Proficient learner designation on Milestones in Math OR Spring Beacon Math score ≥ 419 (Milestones predictive score of proficient)	90-99th %ile Total Math on most recent IOWA **OR** Distinguished learner designation on Milestones in Math **OR** Spring Beacon Math score ≥ 477 (Milestones predictive score of distinguished)
Ability	80-89th %ile Quantitative age percentile on most recent CogAT)	90-99th %ile Quantitative age percentile on most recent CogAT

Option 2: Schools may elect to eliminate the motivation **or** classroom performance criteria. All 3 remaining criteria must be met.

Descriptor	Criteria
Class performance	90-100% - yearly average in 4th grade Math
Motivation	"Strong math student. Completes all assigned work for math class." (as described by classroom teacher(s))
Achievement	90 - 99th %ile Total Math on most recent IOWA **OR** Distinguished learner designation on Milestones in Math **OR** Spring Beacon Math score ≥ 477 (Milestones predictive score of distinguished)
Ability	85 - 99th %ile Quantitative age percentile on most recent CogAT