



**Griffin Middle School
2025-2026 Advanced Content Course Placement Criteria**

Course	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
AC Language Arts	<p>≥ 70 National Percentile Rank ELA IOWA (5th Grade)</p> <p>or</p> <p>Maintained an 80% in (5th Grade) AC Language Arts</p> <p>or</p> <p>Scored ≥ 550 on 4th grade Language Arts Milestone</p>	<p>≥ 70 National Percentile Rank ELA IOWA (5th Grade)</p> <p>or</p> <p>Maintained an average of ≥ 94% in on-level Language Arts 6 with a teacher recommendation or maintained an 80% in AC Language Arts 6</p>	<p>≥ 70 National Percentile Rank ELA IOWA (7th Grade)</p> <p>or</p> <p>Maintained an average of ≥ 94% in on-level Language Arts 7 with a teacher recommendation</p> <p>or</p> <p>Maintained an 80% in AC Language Arts 7</p>
AC Reading	<p>≥ 70 National Percentile Reading IOWA (5th Grade)</p> <p>or</p> <p>Maintained an 80% in (5th Grade) AC Reading</p> <p>or</p> <p>Scored a ≥550 on 4th grade Language Arts Milestone</p>	<p>≥ 70 National Percentile Rank on Reading IOWA (5th grade)</p> <p>or</p> <p>Maintained an average of ≥94% in on-level Reading 6 with a teacher recommendation</p> <p>or</p> <p>Maintained an 80% in AC Reading 6</p>	N/A
AC Social Studies	<p>≥70 National Percentile Rank on Social Studies IOWA (5th Grade)</p> <p>or</p> <p>Maintained an 80% in (5th Grade) AC Social Studies</p>	<p>≥ 70 National Percentile Rank on Social Studies IOWA (5th)</p> <p>or</p> <p>Maintained an average of ≥94% in on-level Social Studies 6 with a teacher recommendation</p> <p>or</p> <p>Maintained an 80% in AC Social Studies 6</p>	<p>≥70 National Percentile Rank on Social Studies IOWA (7th Grade)</p> <p>or</p> <p>Maintained an average of ≥ 94% in on-level Social Studies 7 with teacher recommendation</p> <p>or</p> <p>Maintained an 80% in AC Social Studies 7</p>
AC Science	<p>≥ 70 National Percentile Rank on Science IOWA (5th Grade)</p> <p>or</p> <p>Maintained an 80% in (5th Grade) AC Science</p>	<p>Maintain an average of ≥ 94% in on-level Science 6 with teacher recommendation</p> <p>or</p> <p>Maintained an 80% in AC Science 6</p>	<p>Maintained an average of ≥ 94% in on-level Science 7 with teacher recommendation</p> <p>or</p> <p>Maintained an 80% in AC Science 7</p> <p>or</p> <p>≥70 National Percentile on Science IOWA (7th Grade)</p>
Physical Science HS Credit	N/A	N/A	<p>Qualify for AC Science 8 and scored ≥ 75 National Percentile Rank on Science IOWA (7th Grade)</p>

Advanced Math	<p><u>Advanced Math 6</u> ≥ 73 National Percentile Rank on Math IOWA (5th Grade) or Maintained an 80% in (5th Grade) AC Math or Scored ≥ 550 on 4th grade Math Milestone</p>	<p><u>Advanced Math 7</u> Maintained an 80% in AC Math 6 or Maintained an average of $\geq 94\%$ grade in on-level Math 6 with teacher recommendation</p>	<p><u>Advanced Math 8</u> Maintain an average of $\geq 80\%$ in AC Math 7 or Maintained an average of $\geq 94\%$ grade in on-level Math 7 with teacher recommendation or ≥ 73 National Percentile Rank on Math IOWA (7th grade)</p>
Accelerated Math (Above Grade Level)	<p><u>Math 6/7</u> ≥ 75 National Percentile Rank on Math IOWA (5th Grade) or Scored ≥ 570 on 4th grade Math Milestone</p>	<p><u>Math 7/8</u> Maintained $\geq 80\%$ in Math 6/7 or = 99 National Percentile Rank on IOWA (on 5th grade IOWA assessment for 6th grade placement) or ≥ 75 National Percentile Rank on Math IOWA (5th Grade)</p>	<p><u>Algebra 1 (HS Credit)</u> Maintained $\geq 80\%$ in Math 7/8 with teacher recommendation and ≥ 75 National Percentile on Math IOWA (7th)</p> <p><u>Enhanced Algebra (HS Credit)</u> Maintained an average of $\geq 80\%$ in AC Math 7 with teacher recommendation or Maintained an average of $\geq 95\%$ in on-level Math 7 with teacher recommendation</p>
World Languages Spanish I Or CVA	N/A	N/A	<p>≥ 70 National Percentile Rank on Reading IOWA (7th grade) or Maintained $\geq 80\%$ in AC Reading 7</p>

- **Gifted Identified Students Only** – As required by the state DOE, all gifted students will receive services in **at least one** advanced content (AC) class **in an area of strength**.
- All placements are contingent upon teacher allotment, the current population served, and available space per class each year.
- Successful completion of AC content courses (maintaining 80% or higher) is required for continuation to the next grade level.
- Maintaining an 80% or higher is required to continue in every AC course. If a student does not maintain an 80% each quarter, the student will be placed on Academic Probation for one quarter. If 80% is not maintained for three total quarters, the student will be removed from the AC course. This is the requirement for all AC courses in all subject areas.

The local eligibility committee will consider placing additional students in Tiers I and II of the AC classes according to the following:

- Tier I (IOWA scores), Tier II (based on the remaining criteria). Tier I students will be placed first.
 - Questions about student scores can be answered by students' teachers, grade level counselors, or administrators.
- Where applicable, teacher recommendations should come from subject area teachers in student's current grade level, or previous grade level if student is transferring from another **middle school**.
- Classes must have seats available after all students meeting initial (Tier I) requirements are placed.
- Determination will depend on the student's total qualifications in any area compared with other students being considered for placement in the same grade and content area.

***Griffin respectfully would like to convey that requests or recommendations do not guarantee placement. ***

Note: Due to separate high school requirements, AC at Griffin does not guarantee placement in high school Advanced Placement.