

McCleskey Middle School
Advanced Content Course Placement Criteria
2026-2027

Course	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th grade
AC Language Arts	≥550 ELA Milestones Scaled Score or ≥85%ile ELA IOWA ~ 5 th grade	≥550 ELA Milestones Scaled Score	≥550 ELA Milestones Scaled Score
AC Science	≥550 ELA Milestones Scaled Score and ≥550 Math Milestones Scaled Score or ≥85%ile Science IOWA ~ 5 th grade or 3 or 4 5 th Grade Science Milestones	≥550 ELA Milestones Scaled Score ≥550 Math Milestones Scaled Score	All students will take HS Physical Science. AC/Honors: Qualified for Honors Algebra/Enhanced Algebra <u>and</u> AC ELA
AC Social Studies	≥550 ELA Milestones Scaled Score or ≥ 85%ile SS IOWA ~ 5 th grade	≥550 ELA Milestones Scaled Score	≥550 ELA Milestones Scaled Score or ≥85%ile SS IOWA ~ 7 th grade
Spanish	NA	NA	* High school credit course ≥80%ile Reading IOWA ~ 7 th grade <u>OR</u> ≥525 ELA Milestones Scaled Score
Advanced Math 6	≥525 Math Milestones Scaled Score 75-84%ile Math IOWA ~ 5 th grade	NA	NA
Math 6/7	4 on Math Milestones OR ≥85%ile Total Math 5 th grade IOWA	NA	NA
Advanced Math 7	NA	Milestones 3/ 4	NA
Math 7/8	99% Math IOWA 5 th Grade	Completion of Math 6/7 and ≥580 6 th Grade Math Milestones Scaled Score	NA
Advanced Math 8	NA	NA	Milestones 3 or ≥90% Math Iowa Total Math 7 th Grade
Honors Algebra I	NA	NA	Completion of Math 7/8 and ≥590 Math Milestones Scaled Score (Level 4- Distinguished learner) Or ≥90% Math Iowa Total Math 7 th Grade
Enhanced Algebra	NA	NA	≥550 Math Milestones Scaled Score or ≥90% Math Iowa Total Math 7 th Grade with ≥95% school attendance rate

- If a student earns a 1 or 2 on the Milestones for a content area, they will be placed in on-level classes.
- All gifted identified students will automatically placed into and receive services in at least one Advanced Content Course to include:
 - Advanced Content (AC) Language Arts
 - Advanced Content (AC) Science
 - Advanced Content (AC) Social Studies
 - Advanced Content (AC) Math
 - Gifted Resource Class