

Palmer Advanced Content (AC) Placement Criteria – 2026-2027

Course	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
READING	<u>MUST HAVE 2 TO QUALIFY</u> 1) IOWA READING TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) ≥ 1000 Spring Beacon Lexile Score 3) Level IV on 5th ELA Milestone 4) Successfully completed Advanced Reading in 5th Grade 5) Gifted Identified	Successful completion of 6th Grade AC Reading (80% class avg) <u>OR</u> 6th Grade ELA Class Average $\geq 90\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 3)</u> 1) IOWA READING TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) Level IV on 6th ELA Milestone 3) ≥ 1030 Spring Beacon Lexile Score 4) Gifted Identified	N/A *Accelerated course in 8th is High School Spanish I*
LANGUAGE ARTS	<u>MUST HAVE 2 TO QUALIFY</u> 1) IOWA ELA TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) IOWA READING TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 3) ≥ 1000 Spring Beacon Lexile Score 4) Level IV on 5th ELA Milestone 5) Successfully completed Advanced ELA in 5th Grade 6) Gifted Identified	Successful completion of 6th Grade AC ELA (80% class avg) <u>OR</u> 6th Grade ELA Class Average $\geq 90\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 4)</u> 1) IOWA ELA TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) Level IV on 6th ELA Milestone 3) ≥ 1030 Spring Beacon Lexile Score 4) Gifted Identified	Successful completion of 7th Grade AC ELA (80% class avg) <u>OR</u> 7th Grade ELA Class Average $\geq 90\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 4)</u> 1) IOWA ELA TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) Level IV on 7th ELA Milestone 3) ≥ 1095 Spring Beacon Lexile Score 4) Gifted Identified
MATH	<u>MATH 6/7: IOWA MATH TOTAL > 80% AND (1 of the 3)</u> 1) ≥ 800 Spring Beacon Quantile Score 2) Level IV on 5th Math Milestone 3) Successfully completed Advanced Math in 5th Grade <u>Advanced Math 6: MUST HAVE 2 TO QUALIFY</u> 1) IOWA MATH TOTAL $> 70\%$ 2) ≥ 800 Spring Beacon Quantile Score 3) Level IV on 5th Math Milestone 4) Successfully completed Advanced Math in 5th Grade	<u>MATH 7/8:</u> Successful completion of Math 6/7 with at least an 80% cumulative test average <u>Advanced Math 7:</u> Successful completion of Advanced Math 6 with at least 80% Math Test average <u>OR (must have all)</u> 1) 6th Grade Math Test Average $\geq 90\%$ 2) ≥ 820 Spring Beacon Quantile Score or Level IV on 6th Grade Math Milestone	<u>Advanced Math 8:</u> Successful completion of Advanced Math 7 with at least 78% Test average <u>OR</u> 7th Grade Math Test Average $\geq 90\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 3)</u> 1) ≥ 910 Spring Beacon Quantile Score 2) Level IV on 7th Grade Math Milestone 3) $\geq 70\%$ IOWA MATH TOTAL
SOCIAL STUDIES	IOWA READING TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 3)</u> 1) ≥ 1000 Spring Beacon Lexile Score 2) Level IV on 5th ELA Milestone 3) Gifted Identified	Successful completion of 6th Grade AC Social Studies <u>OR</u> 6th Grade SS Class Average $\geq 90\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 3)</u> 1) IOWA SS TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) ≥ 1030 Spring Beacon Lexile Score 3) Gifted Identified	Successful completion of 7th Grade AC Social Studies <u>OR</u> 7th Grade SS Class Average $\geq 90\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 3)</u> 1) IOWA SS TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) ≥ 1095 Spring Beacon Lexile Score 3) Gifted Identified
SCIENCE	IOWA READING TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 3)</u> 1) ≥ 1000 Spring Beacon Lexile Score 2) $\geq 70\%$ 5th Iowa Math or Reading Total 3) Gifted Identified	Successful completion of 6th Grade AC Science <u>OR</u> 6th Grade Sci Class Average $\geq 90\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 3)</u> 1) IOWA SCI TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) ≥ 1030 Spring Beacon Lexile Score 3) Gifted Identified	N/A *Accelerated course in 8th is High School Physical Science*

Additional 8th Grade Accelerated Courses for High School Credit *These courses are only for 8th Grade students who qualify*

Spanish I MS-HS	Physical Science MS-HS	Honors Algebra
Students must have 2 of the 4 criteria: 1) ≥ 1095 Spring Beacon Lexile Score 2) $\geq 60\%$ on Iowa ELA or Reading Total 3) $\geq 85\%$ ELA Class Average 4) Gifted Identified	Successful completion of 7th Grade AC Science <u>OR</u> 7th Grade Sci Class Average $\geq 90\%$ <u>AND (1 of the 3)</u> 1) IOWA SCI TOTAL $\geq 70\%$ 2) ≥ 1095 Spring Beacon Lexile Score 3) ≥ 910 Spring Beacon Quantile Score 4) Gifted Identified	Completion of Math 7/8 & must have 3 of the 5 criteria: 1) IOWA MATH TOTAL $\geq 80\%$ 2) ≥ 910 Spring Beacon Quantile Score 3) Level IV on 7th Grade Math Milestone 4) $\geq 80\%$ Math 7/8 Class Average 5) $\geq 75\%$ Math 7/8 Test Average