

**Durham Middle School**  
**Advanced Content Course Placement Criteria**  
**2019 - 2020**

Course	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
AC Language Arts	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Both criteria</u>            ≥ 90%ile LA            ≥ 85%ile Reading            Iowa National Percentile Rank (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2 of 3 Criteria</u>            ≥ 90%ile LA Iowa (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)            ≥ 90%ile Reading Iowa (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  <b>OR</b> ≥ 1185 RI Lexile Level (Spring 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)            Average of ≥90% in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade LA  <b>OR</b>            The successful completion of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade AC LA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Both criteria</u>            ≥ 90%ile LA            ≥ 85%ile Reading            Iowa National Percentile Rank (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)  <b>OR</b>            The successful completion of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade AC LA</p>
AC Social Studies	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Both criteria</u>            ≥ 90%ile SS            ≥ 85%ile Reading            Iowa National Percentile Rank (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2 of 3 Criteria</u>            ≥ 90%ile SS Iowa (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)            ≥ 90%ile Reading Iowa (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  <b>OR</b> ≥ 1185 RI Lexile Level (Spring 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)            Average of ≥90% in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade LA  <b>OR</b>            The successful completion of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade AC SS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Both criteria</u>            ≥ 90% SS            ≥ 85% Reading            Iowa National Percentile Rank (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)  <b>OR</b>            The successful completion of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade AC SS</p>
AC Science	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Both criteria</u>            ≥ 90%ile Science            ≥ 85% Reading            Iowa National Percentile Rank (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2 of 3 Criteria</u>            ≥ 90%ile Science Iowa (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)            ≥ 90%ile Reading Iowa (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  <b>OR</b> ≥ 1185 RI Lexile Level (Spring 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)            Average of ≥90% in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science  <b>OR</b>            The successful completion of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade AC Science</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Both criteria</u>            ≥85%ile Science            ≥85%ile Math            Iowa National Percentile Rank (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)            Students who completed AC Science in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade            who do not qualify for Algebra I will be placed in            AC Science.</p>
High School Physical Science	NA	NA	<p><b>*High school credit Physical Science course</b>  <u>Both criteria</u>            ≥85%ile Science            ≥85%ile Math            Iowa National Percentile Rank (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)  <b>And qualify for Algebra I</b></p>
HS Foreign Language	NA	NA	<p><b>*High school credit course</b>            ≥70% on Reading Iowa  <b>National Percentile Rank (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)</b>  <b>No failing grades; ≥ 80% average in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA</b>  <b>OR</b>  <b>Successful completion of AC ELA</b></p>
Advanced Math 6	<p style="text-align: center;">≥ 80%ile - 88%ile Math            Iowa National Percentile Rank (5<sup>th</sup> grade)</p>	NA	NA
Math 6/7	<p style="text-align: center;">≥ 89%ile Math            Iowa National Percentile Rank (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</p>	NA	NA
Advanced Math 7	NA	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Both criteria</u>            Must successfully complete <b>Math 6</b>            with a unit <b>test average of ≥ 85%</b> AND            ≥ 75%ile Iowa Nat'l Percentile Rank (5<sup>th</sup>Grade)  <b>OR</b>            Must successfully complete <b>Math 6/7</b>            with a unit <b>test average of ≤ 84%</b></p>	NA
Math 7/8	NA	<p style="text-align: center;">Must successfully complete <b>Math 6/7</b>            with <b>unit test average of ≥ 80%</b></p>	NA
Advanced Math 8	NA	NA	<p style="text-align: center;">Must successfully complete <b>Math 7</b>            With a unit <b>test average of ≥ 85%</b> AND            ≥85%ile Iowa Nat'l Percentile Rank (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)  <b>OR</b>            Must successfully complete <b>Advanced Math 7</b>            with a unit <b>test average of ≥ 80%</b></p>
Algebra I	NA	NA	<p><b>*High school credit course</b>            Must successfully complete <b>Math 7/8</b>            with a unit <b>test average of ≥ 80%</b></p>

- All gifted-identified students will receive services in at least one AC course. Additional AC classes will be scheduled for all students for which the most recent Iowa scores for both the content area and supporting score are above 70%ile.
- **7th grade only** – In order to provide an additional opportunity to qualify rising 7th grade students because the Iowa is not taken in 6th grade, students may be placed in AC classes if 2 out of 3 criteria are earned, as outlined above. Academic class averages reflect both Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 semester grades.
- The above 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.