

Initial Placement Guidelines for 2019-2020 Course Recommendations for Core Content Areas in Grades 6-12

In January, teachers of pre-requisite courses are responsible for making appropriate course recommendations for the next school year based on current and past performance. In making recommendations, teachers are encouraged to consider student interests, overall course load, and the district placement guidelines. Schools are encouraged to review and share data with students and parents regarding data points and student behaviors that indicate overall student success in advanced courses. In considering student interests and overall course load, teachers may or may not recommend a student for an advanced, honors, or Advanced Placement course; however, a student who meets the criteria outlined in the district placement guidelines should not be prevented from taking the course.

In determining placement for students who fall short of the criteria, overall aptitude demonstrated by the preponderance of evidence from past performance and teacher feedback should be considered, always bearing in mind what is in the best interests of the student. Parents may sign a waiver for placement in an advanced, honors, or Advanced Placement course if a student does not meet the district placement guidelines. Parents should not be asked to sign a waiver if a student meets the district placement guidelines but is not recommended by the teacher.

In May, teachers will review the initial placement decision and additional spring data to make a final placement recommendation.

Please note that the initial placement guidelines do not include guidance for acceleration in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Acceleration requires skipping curriculum, and the decision should be guided by Diagnostic Placement Assessments. These should be recommended and administered in April/May.

Waivers are not available for middle school TAG classes as additional state funding is collected for TAG students enrolled in these courses. Alternative placement criteria are applied by the TAG teacher to determine if an additional TAG class is appropriate for a TAG student.

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Middle School Mathematics Placement Guidelines for 2019-2020 School Year				
Current Grade Level	Student's Current Course	Student's Current Performance	Next Year Placement	Course Number
Grade 5	Math 5 On-Level (5.1/5.2)	Anticipated promotion to Grade 6	Math 6 On-Level	27.0210000
	Math 5 Advanced (5.2/6.1)	Math 5.2 Average < 80% OR Summative Unit Assessment Average < 80%	Math 6 On-Level	27.0210000
		Math 5.2 Average ≥ 80% AND Summative Unit Assessment Average ≥ 80%	Math 6 Advanced (6.2/7.1/7.2)	27.0210040 TAG eligible 27.2210040
	Math 6 (5 th grade accelerated students taking 6.1/6.2)	Math 6.1 Average < 80% OR Summative Unit Assessment Average < 80%	Math 7 On-Level	27.0220000 TAG eligible 27.2220000
		Math 6.1 Average ≥ 80% AND Summative Unit Assessment Average ≥ 80%	Math 7 Advanced	27.0220040 TAG eligible 27.2220040
Grade 6	Math 6 On-Level (6.1/6.2)	Anticipated promotion to Grade 7	Math 7 On-Level	27.0220000
		Students will only be considered for Math 7 Advanced in May through the continuous achievement process.	Math 7 Advanced	27.0220040 TAG eligible 27.2220040
	Math 6 Advanced (6.2/7.1/7.2)	Semester 1 Average < 75% OR Summative Unit Assessment Average < 75%	Math 7 Advanced	27.0220040 TAG eligible 27.2220040
		Semester 1 Average 75-80% OR Summative Unit Assessment Average 75-80%	Math 8 On-Level	27.0230000 TAG eligible 27.2230000
		Semester 1 Average > 80% AND Summative Unit Assessment Average > 80%	Math 8 Advanced	27.0230040 TAG eligible 27.2230040
	Math 7 On-Level (6 th grade accelerated students)	Math 7.1 Average < 80% OR Summative Unit Assessment Average < 80%	Math 8 On-Level	27.0230000 TAG eligible 27.2230000
		Math 7.1 Average ≥ 80% AND Summative Unit Assessment Average ≥ 80%	Math 8 Advanced	27.0230040 TAG eligible 27.2230040
	Math 7 Advanced (6 th grade accelerated students)	Math 7.1 Average < 80% OR Summative Unit Assessment Average < 80%	Math 8 On-Level	27.0230000 TAG eligible 27.2230000
		Math 7.1 Average ≥ 80% AND Summative Unit Assessment Average ≥ 80%	Math 8 Advanced	27.0230040 TAG eligible 27.2230040

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Grade 7	Math 7 On-Level	Anticipated promotion to Grade 8	Math 8 On-Level	27.0230000
		Students will only be considered for Math 8 Advanced in May through the continuous achievement process.	Math 8 Advanced	27.0230040 TAG eligible 27.2230040
	Math 7 Advanced	Math 7.1 Average < 80% OR Summative Unit Assessment Average < 80%	Math 8 On-Level	27.0230000
		Math 7.1 Average ≥ 80% AND Summative Unit Assessment Average ≥ 80%	Math 8 Advanced	27.0230040 TAG eligible 27.2230040
	Math 8 On-level (7 th grade accelerated students)	Semester 1 Average < 90% OR Summative Unit Assessment Average < 80%	GSE Algebra I Honors	27.0990040 TAG eligible 27.2990040
		Semester 1 Average ≥ 90% AND Summative Unit Assessment Average ≥ 80%	GSE Accelerated Algebra I/Geometry A Honors	27.0994040 TAG eligible 27.2994040
	Math 8 Advanced (7 th grade accelerated students)	Semester 1 Average < 90% OR Summative Unit Assessment Average < 80%	GSE Algebra I Honors	27.0990040 TAG eligible 27.2990040
		Semester 1 Average ≥ 90% AND Summative Unit Assessment Average ≥ 80%	GSE Accelerated Algebra I/Geometry A Honors	27.0994040 TAG eligible 27.2994040

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Middle School ELA Placement Guidelines for 2019-2020 School Year					
Current Grade Level	Student's Current Course	Student's Current Performance	Next Year Placement	Course Number	
Grade 5	Language Arts 5 On-Level	Anticipated promotion to Grade 6	Language Arts 6 On-Level	23.0110000	
		Students will only be considered for Language Arts 6 Advanced in May through the continuous achievement process.	Language Arts 6 Advanced	23.0110040 TAG Eligible 23.2110040	
	Language Arts 5 Advanced	Grade 4 Georgia Milestones ELA Level 1 or 2 In lieu of Georgia Milestones, Semester 1 Average < 80%	Language Arts 6 On Level	23.0110000	
		Grade 4 Georgia Milestones ELA Level 3 or 4 AND Semester 1 Average ≥ 80%	Language Arts 6 Advanced	23.0110040 TAG Eligible 23.2110040	
	Language Arts 6 (5 th grade Accelerated Students)	Grade 4 Georgia Milestones ELA Level 3 or 4 AND Semester 1 Average ≥ 80%	Language Arts 7 On-Level	23.0120000 TAG eligible 23.2120000	
		Students will only be considered for Language Arts 7 Advanced in May through the continuous achievement process.	Language Arts 7 Advanced	23.0120040 TAG eligible 23.2120040	
Grade 6	Language Arts 6 On-Level	Anticipated promotion to Grade 7	Language Arts 7 On-Level	23.0120000	
		Students will only be considered for Language Arts 7 Advanced in May through the continuous achievement process.	Language Arts 7 Advanced	23.0120040 TAG eligible 23.2120040	
	Language Arts 6 Advanced	Grade 5 Georgia Milestones ELA Level 1 or 2 In lieu of Georgia Milestones, Semester 1 Average < 80%	Language Arts 7 On-Level	23.0120000	
		Grade 5 Georgia Milestones ELA Level 3 or 4 AND Semester 1 Average ≥ 80%	Language Arts 7 Advanced	23.0120040 TAG eligible 23.2120040	
	Language Arts 7 On-Level (6 th grade Accelerated Students)	Grade 5 Georgia Milestones ELA Level 3 or 4 AND Semester 1 Average < 80%	Language Arts 8 On-Level	23.0130000 TAG eligible 23.2130000	
		Students will only be considered for Language Arts 8 Advanced in May through the continuous achievement process.	Language Arts 8 Advanced	23.0130040 TAG eligible 23.2130040	
	Language Arts 7 Advanced (6 th grade Accelerated Students)	Grade 5 Georgia Milestones ELA Level 3 or 4 AND Semester 1 Average < 80%	Language Arts 8 On-Level	23.0130000 TAG eligible 23.2130000	
		Grade 5 Georgia Milestones ELA Level 3 or 4 AND Semester 1 Average ≥ 80%	Language Arts 8 Advanced	23.0130040 TAG eligible 23.2130040	

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Grade 7	Language Arts 7 On-Level	Anticipated promotion to Grade 8	Language Arts 8 On-level	23.0130000
		Students will only be considered for Language Arts 8 Advanced in May through the continuous achievement process.	Language Arts 8 Advanced	23.0130040 TAG eligible 23.2130040
	Language Arts 7 Advanced	Grade 6 Georgia Milestones ELA Level 3 or 4 AND Semester 1 Average < 80%	Language Arts 8 On-level	23.0130000
		Grade 6 Georgia Milestones ELA Level 3 or 4 AND Semester 1 Average ≥ 80%	Language Arts 8 Advanced	23.0130040 TAG eligible 23.2130040
	Language Arts 8 On-Level (7th grade Accelerated Students)	Grade 6 Georgia Milestones ELA Level 3 or 4 AND Semester 1 Average < 80%	9 th Grade Lit/Comp	23.0610000
		Students will only be considered for 9 th Grade Lit/Comp Honors in May through the continuous achievement process.	9 th Grade Lit/Comp Honors	23.0610040 TAG Eligible 23.2610040
	Language Arts 8 Advanced (7th grade Accelerated Students)	Grade 6 Georgia Milestones ELA Level 3 or 4 AND Semester 1 Average < 80%	9 th Grade Lit/Comp	23.0610000
		Grade 6 Georgia Milestones ELA Level 3 or 4 AND Semester 1 Average ≥ 80%	9 th Grade Lit/Comp Honors	23.0610040 TAG Eligible 23.2610040

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Middle School Reading and World Language Placement Guidelines for 2019-2020 School Year				
Current Grade Level	Student's Current Course	Student's Current Performance	Next Year Placement	Course Number
Grade 5	Reading 5 On-Level	Grade 4 Georgia Milestones Reading Indicator Below (-) In lieu of Georgia Milestones, Grade 5 Iowa Reading < 60%ile	Reading 6	23.0140000
		Grade 4 Georgia Milestones Reading Indicator On/Above (+) In lieu of Georgia Milestones, Grade 5 Iowa Reading ≥ 60%ile	Grade 6 World Language Course	Chinese 62.0070000 French 60.0070000 German 61.0070000 Japanese 62.0270000 Latin 61.0370000 Spanish 60.0670000
	Reading 5 Advanced	Grade 4 Georgia Milestones Reading Indicator Below (-) In lieu of Georgia Milestones, Grade 5 Iowa Reading < 60%ile	Reading 6	23.0140000
		Grade 4 Georgia Milestones Reading Indicator On/Above (+) In lieu of Georgia Milestones, Grade 5 Iowa Reading ≥ 60%ile	Grade 6 World Language Course	Chinese 62.0070000 French 60.0070000 German 61.0070000 Japanese 62.0270000 Latin 61.0370000 Spanish 60.0670000
	Reading 6 Accelerated	Grade 4 Georgia Milestones Reading Indicator Below (-) In lieu of Georgia Milestones, Grade 5 Iowa Reading < 60%ile	Reading 6	23.0140000
		Grade 4 Georgia Milestones Reading Indicator On/Above (+) In lieu of Georgia Milestones, Grade 5 Iowa Reading ≥ 60%ile	Grade 6 World Language Course	Chinese 62.0070000 French 60.0070000 German 61.0070000 Japanese 62.0270000 Latin 61.0370000 Spanish 60.0670000

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Grade 6	Reading 6	Grade 5 Georgia Milestones Reading Indicator Below (-) In lieu of Georgia Milestones, Semester 1 Average < 80%	Reading 7	23.0150000
		Grade 5 Georgia Milestones Reading Indicator On/Above (+) AND Semester 1 Average ≥ 80%	Grade 7 Beginning World Language Course	Chinese 62.0080000 French 60.0080000 German 61.0080000 Japanese 62.0280000 Latin 61.0380000 Spanish 60.0680000
	Grade 6 World Language	Semester 1 Average < 70%	Reading 7 OR Grade 7 Beginning World Language Course	23.0150000 OR Chinese 62.0080000 French 60.0080000 German 61.0080000 Japanese 62.0280000 Latin 61.0380000 Spanish 60.0680000
		Semester 1 Average ≥ 70%	Grade 7 Continuous WL Course	Chinese 62.0080009 French 60.0080009 German 61.0080009 Japanese 62.0280009 Latin 61.0380009 Spanish 60.0680009
Grade 7	Reading 7	Grade 6 Georgia Milestones Reading Indicator Below (-) In lieu of Georgia Milestones, Semester 1 Average < 80%	Reading 8	23.0160000
		Grade 6 Georgia Milestones Reading Indicator On/Above AND Semester 1 Average ≥ 80%	Reading 8 Or No Credit World Language	23.0160000 OR Chinese 62.0090000 French

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	Grade 7 Beginning or Continuous WL Course	Semester 1 Average < 70%	Reading 8 Or No Credit World Language	23.0160000 OR Chinese 62.0090000 French 60.0090000 German 61.0090000 Japanese 62.0290000 Latin 61.0390000 Spanish 60.0690000
	Grade 7 Beginning WL Course	Semester 1 Average ≥ 70%	Grade 8 Beginning WL Course	Chinese 62.0110000 French 60.0110000 German 61.0110000 Japanese 62.0310000 Latin 61.0390000 Spanish 60.0710000
	Grade 7 Continuous WL Course	Semester 1 Average ≥ 70%	Grade 8 Continuous WL Course	Chinese 62.0110009 French 60.0110009 German 61.0110009 Japanese 62.0310009 Latin 61.0390009 Spanish 60.0710009

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Middle School Science Placement Guidelines for 2019-2020 School Year				
Current Grade Level	Student's Current Course	Student's Current Performance	Next Year Placement	Course Number
Grade 5	Science 5	Anticipated promotion to Grade 6	Earth Science	40.0610000
		Semester Average ≥ 90 AND 4 th Grade Milestones Lexile ≥ 925	Advanced Earth Science	40.0610040
		TAG eligible AND Semester 1 Average $\geq 90\%$ AND Science Grade 5 Iowa $\geq 90\%$ AND Teacher recommendation (5 th grade Science)	TAG Earth Science	Tag Eligible 40.2610000
Grade 6	Earth Science	Anticipated promotion to Grade 7	Life Science	26.0110000
		Semester Grade ≥ 90 AND 5 th Grade Milestones Lexile score ≥ 1055	Advanced Life Science	26.0110040
		TAG eligible AND Semester 1 Average $\geq 90\%$ AND 80% or higher in all other TAG classes AND teacher recommendation (Earth Science and TAG teachers) * See TAG Procedures Manual for alternative placement guidelines	TAG Life Science	TAG Eligible 26.2110040
	Advanced Earth Science	Semester Average ≤ 80	On Level Life Science	26.0110000
		Semester Average ≥ 80	Advanced Life Science	26.0110040
	TAG Earth Science	TAG eligible AND Semester 1 Average $\geq 80\%$ * See TAG Procedures Manual for probation procedures before placing in on level	TAG Life Science	TAG Eligible 26.2110000
Grade 7	Life Science	Anticipated promotion to Grade 8	Science of the Physical World	40.0170000
		Semester Average ≥ 90 AND 6 th Grade Milestones Lexile ≥ 1140	Advanced Science of the Physical World	40.0170040
		TAG eligible AND Semester 1 Average $\geq 90\%$ AND 80% or higher in all other TAG classes AND teacher recommendation (Life Science and TAG teachers) AND Semester 1 Average $\geq 80\%$ in Math * See TAG Procedures Manual for alternative placement guidelines	TAG Science of the Physical World	TAG Eligible 40.2170000
		Semester 1 Average $\geq 80\%$ AND recommended for GSE Algebra I or GSE Accelerated Algebra I/Geometry A Honors	Physical Science Honors (High School Course)	40.0110040 TAG Eligible 40.2110040
	Advanced Life Science	Semester Average ≥ 80	Advanced Science of the Physical World	40.0170040
		Semester 1 Average $\geq 80\%$ AND recommended for GSE Algebra I or GSE Accelerated Algebra I/Geometry A Honors	Physical Science Honors (High School Course)	40.0110040

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	TAG Life Science	TAG eligible AND Semester 1 Average \geq 80% * See TAG Procedures Manual for probation procedures before placing in on level	TAG Science of the Physical World	TAG Eligible 40.2170000
		TAG eligible AND Semester 1 Average \geq 80% AND recommended for GSE Algebra I Honors or GSE Accelerated Algebra I/Geometry A Honors * See TAG Procedures Manual for probation procedures before placing in on level	Physical Science Honors (High School Course)	TAG Eligible 40.2110040

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Middle School Social Studies Placement Guidelines for 2019-2020 School Year

Current Grade Level	Student's Current Course	Student's Current Performance	Next Year Placement	Course Number
Grade 5	Social Studies 5	Anticipated promotion to Grade 6	Social Studies 6	45.0070000
		Semester Average ≥ 90 and 4 th Grade Milestones Lexile ≥ 925	Advanced Social Studies	45.0070040
		Eligible for TAG AND Semester 1 Average $\geq 90\%$ AND Grade 5 Iowa Social Studies $\geq 90\%$ ile AND Teacher Recommendation * See TAG Procedures Manual for alternate placement guidelines	TAG Social Studies 6	TAG Eligible 45.2070000
Grade 6	Social Studies 6	Anticipated promotion to Grade 7	Social Studies 7	45.0080000
		Semester Average ≥ 90 and 5 th Grade Milestones Lexile ≥ 1055	Advanced Social Studies	45.0080040
		Eligible for TAG AND Semester 1 Average $\geq 90\%$ AND 80% or higher in all other TAG classes AND teacher recommendation (6 th Social Studies and TAG teachers) * See TAG Procedures Manual for alternate placement guidelines	TAG Social Studies 7	TAG Eligible 45.2080000
	Advanced Social Studies 6	Semester Average ≥ 80	Advanced Social Studies	45.0080040
	TAG Social Studies 6	TAG eligible AND Semester 1 Average $\geq 80\%$ * See TAG Procedures Manual for probation procedures before placing in on level	TAG Social Studies 7	TAG Eligible 45.2080000
Grade 7	Social Studies 7	Anticipated promotion to Grade 8	Georgia Studies 8	45.0090000
		Semester Average ≥ 90 AND 6 th grade Milestones Lexile ≥ 1140	Advanced Georgia Studies 8	45.0090040
		Eligible for TAG AND Semester 1 Average $> 90\%$ AND 80% or higher in all other TAG classes AND teacher recommendation (7 th Social Studies and TAG teachers) * See TAG Procedures Manual for alternate placemen guidelines	TAG Georgia Studies 8	TAG Eligible 45.2090000
	Advanced Social Studies 7	Semester Average < 80	Georgia Studies 8	45.0090040
		Semester Average ≥ 80	Advanced Georgia Studies 8	
TAG Social Studies 7	Eligible for TAG AND Semester 1 Average $> 80\%$ * See TAG Procedures Manual for probation procedures before placing in on level	TAG Georgia Studies 8	TAG Eligible 45.2090000	