**2023-2024 Course Recommendation Guidelines**  
**Allatoona High School Class of 2027**

The descriptors listed below are general guidelines. Teachers should make placement recommendations based on students’ overall performance, skill level, and motivation while considering any learning losses because of COVID-19.

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| **English Language Arts** | |
| **9th Literature** | 8th grade Language Arts’ grade in low 80s or below  Lacks motivation or maturity  Lexile below 1000  *Some potential on-level students could be successful in the Honors class.  A deliberate conversation might be required with these students.* |
| **Honors 9th Literature** | The prospective Honors 9th Literature/Composition student is a motivated, focused student who truly enjoys the exploration of literature and writing.  A’s and B’s in middle school AC classes  85+ in regular Language Arts  Self-sufficient student, highly motivated  Recommended for multiple high school honors courses  Lexile 1000+  Strong writing skills |
| **Math** | |
| **Foundations of Algebra and Algebra 1 (YL)** | Completed Math 8  EOG - Below 515  MI – Below 850  PSAT 8/9 – Below 400 |
| **Algebra 1** | Completed Math 8 EOG 515 - 550 PSAT 8/9 – Between 400 – 430 |
| **Honors Algebra 1** | Completed Advanced Math 8 EOG – Above 550 MI – Above 1125 COGAT – Above 110 |
| **Geometry** | Completed Algebra 1, but the grade is in the D range |
| **Honors Geometry** | Completed Algebra 1 with a C or better |

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| **Science** | | |
| **Biology** | | Students who are not placed in Honors Biology will take Biology |
| **Honors Biology** | | Self-sufficient, motivated, and exemplary performance in 7th grade science; Highly successful in 8th grade physical science |
| **Social Studies** | | |
| **World Geography** | 8th grade on level Language Arts and Social Studies grades are 85 or below  (AC Grades 75 or below)  Lacks motivation or maturity | |
| **Honors World Geography** | 8th grade on level Language Arts and Social Studies 86 and higher  AC grades in Social Studies 75-85 | |
| **AP Human Geography** | 8th grade AC Language Arts and Social Studies grades are 86 and above  (AC Grades 86 and above)  Self-sufficient, highly motivated  Above average - strong writing skills  Also recommended for Honors 9th Lit and/or other Honors Classes | |
| ***3 units of Social Studies are required for graduation; however, 9th grade Social Studies is recommended for the college bound student.*** | | |