

## Smitha Middle School



## Placement Matrix Advanced Learning Program

| Course                                                                                                                                         | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>AC Language Arts</b><br>Students must meet a minimum of 3 of the 5 criteria in<br>addition to classroom performance grades of 80-100%.      | <ul> <li>5<sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA: at least 70% ELA Total</li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Milestones ≥ 550</li> <li>Successful completion of 5<sup>th</sup> grade AC ELA</li> <li>Lexile 1015 or higher</li> <li>Teacher recommendation</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>AC Reading</b><br>Students must meet a minimum of 3 of the 5 criteria in<br>addition to classroom performance grades of 80-100%.            | <ul> <li>5<sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA: at least 70% Reading Total</li> <li>5th Gr EOG - Above Grade Level Lexile</li> <li>Successful completion of 5<sup>th</sup> grade AC ELA</li> <li>Lexile 1015 or higher</li> <li>Teacher recommendation</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>AC Science</b><br>Students must meet a minimum of 2 of the 4 criteria in<br>addition to classroom performance grades of 80-100%.            | <ul> <li>5<sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA: at least 70% SCI or RDG Total</li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestones Level 4 in Math or Science</li> <li>MI 772 or higher</li> <li>Teacher recommendation</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>AC Social Studies</b><br>Students must meet a minimum of 2 of the 4 criteria in<br>addition to classroom performance grades of 80-100%.     | <ul> <li>5<sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA: at least 70% SS &amp; RDG Total</li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestones Level 4 in SS or ELA</li> <li>Lexile 1015 or higher</li> <li>Teacher recommendation</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Advanced Math Courses</b><br>Students must meet a minimum of 3 of the 5 criteria in<br>addition to classroom performance grades of 80-100%. | Math 6/7*         5 <sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA: at least 85% Math Total         5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math Milestone Level 4         Successful completion of 5 <sup>th</sup> grade AC Math         MI 900 or higher         Teacher recommendation         Advanced Math 6         5 <sup>th</sup> Grade IOWA: at least 70% Math Total         5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math Milestone ≥ 550         Successful completion of 5 <sup>th</sup> grade AC Math         MI 750 or higher         Teacher recommendation |

\*7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are placed based on previous year's scores.

\*Gifted identified students will receive at least one Advanced Content class at a minimum. AC class expansion is based on the above criteria and available space. All advanced classes are labeled as AC.

\* Students who successfully completed an AC class at Smitha will automatically move on to the AC class in that content for the following year unless parent or teacher request removal.

\*Math 6/7 eligibility is solely based on the criteria listed above and is not based on gifted eligibility. Any student who meets the listed criteria is eligible to enroll in this class.

\*New incoming students will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

\*AC classes move at an accelerated pace.

\*For questions in reference to AC placement please email juan.valentin@cobbk12.org