

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Placement Criteria

Course Levels (Except Math)	LANGUAGE ARTS	SOCIAL STUDIES	MATHEMATICS	BIOLOGY
<b>College Prep</b>	<p><b>9th Lit/Comp</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received a passing grade in 8th grade Language Arts</li> <li>Students will be placed in a <b>Communication Skills</b> Elective based on a below grade level Lexile score from either CAAS or EOG</li> </ul>	<p><b>Am Government/World Geography</b></p> <p>Recommended for all students except those listed below</p>	<p><b>Algebra I</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received a passing grade in 8th Grade Mathematics</li> </ul> <p>Students will be placed in an <b>Algebra Support</b> elective based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defined level of performance on the CAAS test, <b>OR</b></li> <li>8th grade Math course test average, <b>AND</b></li> <li>Beginning or Developing on 8th grade EOG Milestone in Math (Overriding Indicator)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Biology</b></p> <p>Recommended for all students except those below</p>
<p><b>Honors &amp; Gifted</b> <i>(To qualify for a gifted course, students must meet all honors level requirements <b>AND</b> must qualify for gifted services as defined with the GA DOE.)</i></p>	<p><b>9th Lit/Comp H</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>85+ in Advanced or Gifted 8th Grade Language Art</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90+ in on-level 8th Grade Language Arts</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proficient or Distinguished on 8th EOG Milestone in Reading &amp; Language Arts sections</li> </ul>	<p><b>Am Government H/World Geography H</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>85+ in Advanced or Gifted 8th Grade Language Arts</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90+ in on-level 8th Grade Language Arts;</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>85+ in 8th Grade social studies;</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proficient or Distinguished performance on EOG Milestone in both Reading &amp; Language Arts sections</li> </ul>	<p><b>Algebra I &amp; Geometry Honors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defined level of performance on the CAAS test, <b>AND</b></li> <li>8th grade Math course test average, <b>AND</b></li> <li>NAHS Placement Test, <b>AND</b></li> <li>Proficient or Distinguished on 8th grade EOG Milestone in Math</li> </ul> <p><b>Geometry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passed Algebra 1 in 8th grade</li> </ul> <p><b>Geometry Honors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passed Algebra 1 in 8th grade with an 80 or higher</li> <li>Proficient or Distinguished on Algebra EOC Milestone</li> </ul>	<p><b>Biology H</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintained an 85 or above average in 8th Grade Science</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proficient or Distinguished performance on EOG Milestone in Science</li> </ul>
		<p><b>AP Human Geography:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>85th percentile or higher on a nationally-normed test in Social Studies</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distinguished performance on EOG Milestone in Reading and Language Arts sections</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>85+ in advanced or 90+ in on-level 8th Grade Language Arts</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90+ in 8th Grade Social Studies</li> </ul>	<p><b>Geometry Honors/ Algebra 2 Honors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passed Algebra I in 8<sup>th</sup> grade</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Test average of 90% or greater</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A defined level of performance on NAHS Math Placement Exam</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distinguished on Algebra EOC Milestone</li> </ul>	

**WORLD LANGUAGE**

- Placement based on 8th grade language class
- Students not in a language in 8th grade who need both Communication Skills and Algebra Support can defer taking a language until 10th grade
- At least one world language must be taken all 4 years in high school in order to participate in the IB Diploma Program