

Seminar Class Eligibility

Seminar class is part of the Extended Learning Program services for 7th and 8th graders. According to Iowa Code regulations, identification measures will be used to determine the appropriateness of placement for students with high academic abilities. Eligibility is based on multiple criteria, including objective data (standardized assessments such as the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress) and subjective data (student grade point averages). Teacher and parent information may also be considered.

Students may register for 7th grade Seminar if they were identified to participate in the ELP program in elementary school. Identification for 8th grade Seminar will take place in late fall of a student's 7th grade year. This allows students to know their eligibility status prior to midyear course registration for 8th grade. The Guidance and Counseling Department will notify students who are eligible. The screening process will begin with scores from the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP). All 7th graders with an ISASP Core Total or Complete Composite score at or above the 96th IPR (Iowa Percentile Ranking) will be eligible. Alternately, students who earn at least 65 points based on the ISASP and cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) will be eligible for Seminar class. In addition, students who had previously qualified for gifted services in their elementary years (grades 3-6) will be automatically eligible. In the event that eligible students exceed class capacity, priority will be based on Iowa Statewide Assessment of student IPR rank to gauge the extent they can benefit from the program.

The following chart explains eligibility points:

ISASP IPR	ISASP Points	GPA	GPA Points
99	62	4.00	20
98	62	3.99	20
97	62	3.98	20
96	62	3.97	19
95	50	3.96	19
94	49	3.95	18
93	48	3.94	18
92	47	3.93	17
91	46	3.92	16
90	45	3.91	15
89	44	3.90	14
88	43	3.89	13
87	42	3.88	12
86	41	3.87	12
85	40	3.86	11
		3.85	11
		3.84	10
		3.83	10
		3.82	9
		3.81	8
		3.80	7