



Indian River School District
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Criteria for Middle School Honors and High School Advanced Classes

MEMO

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 RE: Criteria for Middle School Honors and High School Honors and Advanced Classes

Middle School

Placement into middle school ELA and math honors classes shall be driven by criteria developed to support administrators and counselors in making data-driven decisions. These criteria should be published in each school’s student handbook and on the school’s website. Here are the criteria:

- **DeSSA Performance Level (PL) 4**
 - Drop to PL 3 if grade-level sections are not full
- **Previous Year’s Final ELA/Math Grades**
 - Start with 95 final average and above
 - If grade-level sections are still not full, continue by dropping the final average in increments of 1
 - If grade-level sections are overfilled at a 95 final average, then increase the final average by 1 increment and repeat if necessary
- **i-Ready Score and Overall Grade Placement (6th grade only)**
 - If you need additional criteria for your incoming 6th graders, the iReady score can be used for additional information in determining ELA placements.
 - Start with students who have a Lexile score in the “Exceeds” range for the end of their 5th grade year. Here are the 5th grade ranges:

	Not On Track		On Track	
GRADE	FALLS FAR BELOW	APPROACHES	MEETS	EXCEEDS
5	500L and Below	505L – 825L	830L – 1010L	1015L and Above

- **Number Corner Check-Up3 Score (6th grade only)**
 - If you need additional math criteria for your incoming 6th graders, the Number Corner Check-Up3 Score can be used.

High School

The high schools shall publish this information on their websites; and, hard copies of these catalogs shall be provided to students. This information shall also be shared during high school scheduling visits to 8th grade middle school students.

Placement in advanced high school classes are determined as follows:

- High School Honors course placement will be determined as such:
 - **8th grade DeSSA Performance Level (PL) 4**
 - Drop to a PL 3 if grade-level sections are not full
 - **8th grade Final Grades**
 - Start with a 90 average and above then follow middle school procedures above for *Previous Year’s Final ELA/Math Grades*
- Advancement Placement is driven through open enrollment. If enough sections are not available to meet the open enrollment demand, then placement decisions will be data-driven and may include a recommendation request to the student’s most recent content teacher.
- Dual Enrollment courses are driven by an MOU with the college/university awarding the credit and high schools use criteria established by those institutions which usually require an A or B in a previous course.