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Marietta Sixth Grade Academy Placement Criteria				
Current Course	Final Grade	Achievement Score(s)	Recommended Course	Notes
5 th Grade Math	≥ 90% in Math	Math MAP ≥ 80% NPR and Math EOG ≥ Proficient	Accelerated Math 6/7*	A Gifted/Advanced Content course.
	≥ 80% in Math	Math MAP ≥ 65% NPR or Math EOG ≥ Proficient	Honors Math 6*	A Gifted/Honors course.
	≤ 79% in Math	Math MAP ≤ 64% NPR and Math EOG ≤ Developing	Math 6	Consideration for Honors Math 6 will be given to students who exceed the placement criteria.
Advanced Content 5 th Grade Math	≥ 85% in Math	Math MAP ≥ 80% NPR and Math EOG ≥ Proficient	Accelerated Math 6/7*	A Gifted/Advanced Content course.
	≤ 84% in Math	Math MAP ≥ 65% NPR or Math EOG ≥ Proficient	Honors Math 6*	A Gifted/Honors course.
	≤ 84% in Math	Math MAP < 65% NPR or Math EOG < Proficient	Math 6	
5 th Grade Science	≥ 80% in both ELA and Reading	Reading MAP ≥ 65% NPR or ELA EOG ≥ Proficient	Honors Science 6*	A Gifted/Honors course.
5 th Grade Science	NA	NA	Science 6	
5 th Grade ELA	≥ 80% in both ELA and Reading	Reading MAP ≥ 65% NPR or ELA EOG ≥ Proficient	Honors ELA 6*	A Gifted/Honors course.
	NA	NA	ELA 6	
5 th Grade Social Studies	≥ 80% in both SS and Reading	Reading MAP ≥ 65% NPR	Honors SS 6*	A Gifted/Honors course.
	NA	NA	SS 6	

*Gifted probationary status will be in effect for all students who do not maintain an average ≥ 80%.

Gifted identified students are automatically served in Honors Social Studies. Placement in one of the other Accelerated/Honors courses is subject to meeting the placement criteria.

Students working above grade level may submit a waiver to be considered for placement in an Honors or Accelerated course.



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Marietta Middle School 7 th Grade Placement Criteria				
Current Course	Final Grade	Achievement Score(s)	Recommended Course	Notes
Accelerated Math 6/7	≥ 80% in Math	NA – Accelerated Math 6/7 required	Accelerated Math 7/8*	A Gifted/Advanced Content course.
Honors Math 6	≥ 80% in Math	Math MAP ≥ 65% NPR or Math EOG ≥ Proficient	Honors Math 7*	A Gifted/Honors course.
Math 6	NA	NA	Math 7	
Honors Science 6	≥ 80% in both Science and ELA	Reading MAP ≥ 65% NPR or ELA EOG ≥ Proficient	Honors Science 7*	A Gifted/Honors course.
Science 6	NA	NA	Science 7	
Honors ELA 6	≥ 80% in ELA	Reading MAP ≥ 65% NPR or ELA EOG ≥ Proficient	Honors ELA 7*	A Gifted/Honors course.
ELA 6	NA	NA	ELA 7	
Honors Social Studies 6	≥ 80% in SS	Reading MAP ≥ 65% NPR	Carnegie World Geography*	A Gifted/Advanced Content High School course.
Social Studies 6	NA	NA	SS 7	

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Marietta Middle School 8 th Grade Placement Criteria				
Current Course	Final Grade	Achievement Score(s)	Recommended Course	Notes
Accelerated Math 7/8	≥ 80% in Math	NA – Accelerated Math 7/8 required	Carnegie Honors Algebra: Concepts and Connections *	A Gifted/Advanced Content High School course with a required End of Course Test worth 20% of the final grade.
Honors Math 7	≥ 80% in Math	Math MAP ≥ 65% NPR or Math EOG ≥ Proficient	Carnegie Enhanced Algebra: Concepts and Connections* or Honors Math 8	
Math 7	NA	NA	Math 8	
Honors Science 7	≥ 80% in both Science and Math	Math MAP ≥ 80% NPR and Reading MAP ≥ 80%	Carnegie Physical Science*	A Gifted/Advanced Content High School course with a required End of Grade Test.
Honors Science 7	≥ 80% in Science	Math Map ≥ 65% NPR and Reading MAP ≥ 65%	Honors Science 8 (for students who do not meet the criteria for Carnegie Physical Science)	
Science 7	NA	NA	Science 8	
Honors ELA 7	≥ 80% in ELA	Reading MAP ≥ 80% NPR and ELA EOG = Proficient or Distinguished	Carnegie Enhanced Literature and Composition I*	A Gifted/Advanced Content High School course with a required End of Grade Test.
Honors ELA 7	≥ 80% in ELA	Reading MAP ≥ 65% NPR or ELA EOG = Proficient	Honors ELA 8*	A Gifted/Advanced Content course.
ELA 7	NA	NA	ELA 8	
Carnegie World Geography	≥ 80% in SS	Reading MAP ≥ 65% NPR	Honors SS 8*	A Gifted/Advanced Content course.
Social Studies 7	NA	NA	SS 8	

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Gifted identified students are automatically served in Advanced Content SS. Placement in one of the other Accelerated/Advanced Content courses is subject to meeting the placement criteria.



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World Language Placement Criteria				
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Spanish or French 6	≥ 80%	Reading MAP ≥ 80% NPR	Carnegie Spanish/French I AB*	A high school content course worth 1.0 credit.
	≤ 79%	Reading MAP ≤ 79% NPR	Spanish or French 7	
Spanish or French 7	≥ 80%	Reading MAP ≥ 80% NPR	Carnegie Spanish/French I AB*	A high school content course worth 1.0 credit.
	≤ 79%	Reading MAP ≤ 79% NPR	Spanish or French 8	
Spanish/French IAB	≥ 70%	NA	Carnegie Spanish/French IIAB*	A high school content course worth 1.0 credit.
	≤ 70%	NA	Carnegie Spanish/French I AB*	A high school content course worth 1.0 credit.



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Fine Arts Elective Options

Marietta Sixth Grade Academy Placement Criteria	
General Interest	Advanced Study Options
Art 6	NA
Band 6	NA
Chorus 6	Advanced Chorus 6 (placement by audition only)
Orchestra 6	NA
Theatre 6	Advanced Theatre 6 (placement by audition only)
General Music 6	NA

All general interest Fine Arts courses are offered to students at MSGA. Placement in a requested general interest Fine Arts course is subject to availability.

Marietta Sixth Grade Academic Elective Option

Course Name	Currently MILE (Gifted identified)	Notes
Gifted Resource 6	Students who are currently in MILE have the option of choosing the Gifted Resource class in lieu of PE or World Language	For Gifted level learners only

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Area	Elective Choice (no audition required)	Advanced Study Options (audition or portfolio submission required)	Notes:
Art		Advanced Art 7	A high school content course worth 1.0 credit.
		Carnegie Visual Arts/Comprehensive I	
Band	Beginning Band 7 and 8		
		Intermediate Band 7 and 8	
		Advanced Band 7 and 8	
Chorus	Beginning Chorus 7 and 8		
		Intermediate Chorus 7 and 8	
		Advanced Chorus 7 and 8	
Orchestra	Beginning Orchestra 7 and 8		
		Intermediate Orchestra 7 and 8	
		Advanced Theatre 7	
Theatre		Carnegie Theatre Arts/Acting I	A high school content course worth 1.0 credit.

MMS offers a variety of general interest Fine Arts courses on the Exploratory Wheel. The courses listed in the table above in the Advanced Study Options column require an audition/submission of work for placement.