

9th Grade Course Placement Criteria

Course Levels (Except Math)	LANGUAGE ARTS	SOCIAL STUDIES	MATHEMATICS	BIOLOGY
College Prep	9th Lit/Comp - Received a passing grade in 8th grade Language Arts - Students will be placed in a Communication Skills Elective based on a below grade level Lexile score from either CAAS or EOG	Am Government/World Geography Recommended for all students except those listed below	Algebra I - Received a passing grade in 8th Grade Mathematics Students will be placed in an Algebra Support elective based on: - Defined level of performance on the CAAS test, OR 8th grade Math course test average, AND - Beginning or Developing on 8th grade EOG Milestone in Math (Overriding Indicator)	Biology Recommended for all students except those below
Honors & Gifted <i>(To qualify for a gifted course, students must meet all honors level requirements AND must qualify for gifted services as defined with the GA DOE.)</i>	9th Lit/Comp H 85+ in Advanced or Gifted 8th Grade Language Art OR 90+ in on-level 8th Grade Language Arts AND - Proficient or Distinguished on 8th EOG Milestone in Reading & Language Arts sections	Am Government H/World Geography H 85+ in Advanced or Gifted 8th Grade Language Arts OR 90+ in on-level 8th Grade Language Arts; AND 85+ in 8th Grade social studies; AND - Proficient or Distinguished performance on EOG Milestone in both Reading & Language Arts sections	Algebra I & Geometry Honors - Defined level of performance on the CAAS test, AND 8th grade Math course test average, AND - NAHS Placement Test, AND - Proficient or Distinguished on 8th grade EOG Milestone in Math	Biology H - Maintained an 85 or above average in 8th Grade Science AND - Proficient or Distinguished performance on EOG Milestone in Science
			Geometry Passed Algebra 1 in 8th grade	
			Geometry Honors - Passed Algebra 1 in 8th grade with an 80 or higher - Proficient or Distinguished on Algebra EOC Milestone	
			Geometry Honors/ Algebra 2 Honors - Passed Algebra I in 8th grade AND - Test average of 90% or greater AND - A defined level of performance on NAHS Math Placement Exam AND - Distinguished on Algebra EOC Milestone	
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				