

———— Middle School Advanced Course Requirements ————

What is required to be considered for an accelerated math or English class?

Accelerated courses such as AP English and Compacted Math 7 move at a quicker pace and require students go deeper with the content. To ensure the success of all students placed in these more rigorous courses, Desoto County Schools recommends the following for consideration into an accelerated middle school course:

1. An annual test average of 93% or higher in the prior year

We will look specifically at a student's test averages the prior year to ensure they have a solid grasp of the pre-requisite content needed to apply in the accelerated course.

2. Performance on the state assessment and/or benchmark assessment.

These assessments cover all material taught in the prior grade level. Schools may look at a student's performance on the Spring Case 21 assessment and/or the performance on the end of year state test (MAP).

3. Teacher Recommendation Form

In an effort to take the whole child into account for such decisions, we also request a teacher recommendation form be completed to provide additional information about the student and their performance and ability. The recommendation form includes:

- Absences
- Grades
- Homework Completion
- Effort in Class
- Additional Comments