

Athens Drive High School Course Recommendation Guide for Middle Schools

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*****Athens Drive Magnet High School uses data to help place students in academic courses for success. Please note that the guidelines below in BOLD are the criteria that we will use in addition to teacher recommendations to place students in courses. Students need to be aware that their placement could change based on EOG scores in 8th grade.**

ENGLISH	
Course for Athens Drive	Criteria for Recommending
English I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Student performs at or below expected level in Language Arts -Student may have some difficulties understanding reading -Student may need help in writing—has difficulty -grasping the overall necessary concepts for writing
ICR English I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Students need to have In-Class Resource indicated on their IEP to be enrolled in this course
H English I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Student completes homework regularly and successfully -Student enjoys reading and can multi-task -Student has an understanding of writing concepts: thesis statements, organization, and elaboration.
STEM (W) or HSCA (C) English I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Students scoring at a level IV on the 8th grade EOG will be placed in H English I -Students who have applied and accepted into the HSCA or STEM Program -HSCA and STEM English I are offered as Academic or Honors (see criteria above). -STEM students should hold an interest in studying within an interdisciplinary environment and be able to work with hands-on learning and be able to complete projects both individually and collaboratively

MATH

Recommendations for rising 9th grade students [found here](#)

SCIENCE	
Course for Athens Drive	Criteria for Recommending
Earth Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- For students with a C or D in 8th grade science and going into Math I A and IB- Students who score level III on 8th grade Science EOG
Honors Earth Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- For students with an A or B in 8th grade science and going into Math I- Students who score level IV on 8th grade Science EOG- Taking Math I as a 9th grader
Honors Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Honors Biology (with Honors Common Core Math II or higher)- Taking at least Honors H Math II or H Math III as a 9th grader- Planning to take AP Environmental Science- Students who score level IV on 8th grade Science EOG

SOCIAL STUDIES	
Course for Athens Drive	Criteria for Recommending
World History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- This is the standard version of World History
Honors World History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Student completes homework regularly and successfully- Student enjoys reading and can multi-task- Student has good study skills and regularly performs well on assessments in middle school social studies.

AP World History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student completes homework regularly and successfully - Student is capable of reading and comprehending college level text - Student is a strong writer - Student has disciplined study habits and reliable attendance - Students have an interest in analyzing sources; comparing historical events/people/places; using reasoning about contextualization, causation, continuity, and change over time; and developing historical arguments.
STEM (W) or HSCA (C) World History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Students who have applied and accepted into the HSCA or STEM Program -HSCA and STEM World History are offered as Academic or Honors (see criteria above). -STEM students should hold an interest in studying within an interdisciplinary environment and be able to work with hands-on learning and be able to complete projects both individually and collaboratively

WORLD LANGUAGES	
Course for Athens Drive	Criteria for Recommending
French I and French II Latin I and Latin II Spanish I and Spanish II American Sign Language I and II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students who have passed the 8th grade French EOC/Exit Exam should sign up for level 2. - All other students should sign up for Level I. - It is strongly recommended that students begin a foreign language in their Sophomore year.

What about Band, Orchestra, Drama and Chorus?

Students at the middle school level should register for the beginning level of arts courses. If a student has demonstrated or can demonstrate mastery at a higher level, the teacher of the course will initiate a level change.

- **BAND:** There is no level I Band at Athens Drive HS. All Band students should register for 2 semesters of Band II.
- **CHORUS:** Students should register for Chorus I and II for the year. Chorus I will be the fall semester; chorus II will be spring
- **VISUAL ARTS:** Students who wish to demonstrate mastery of arts courses at a higher level should contact the teachers listed on the school website.