



Accelerated Placement Act 24-25 SY

Overview

This Accelerated Placement Act (Public Act 100-0421) is a law that requires Illinois public school districts to automatically enroll students who meet or exceed proficiency standards on a state standardized test, including the PSAT 9, PSAT 10, and the SAT. Proficient students will be enrolled in the most rigorous math, science, English, and social studies courses at the next grade/course level. The intent of this legislation is to ensure students have equitable access to advanced coursework at the high school level.

Mundelein High School Accelerated Courses

Core Class	Most Rigorous Class at the Next Level
Math	
Common Core 8th Grade Math	Algebra 1
Algebra 1	Honors Geometry
Geometry	Honors Algebra 2/Trig
Algebra 2	Pre-calculus
Algebra 2/Trig or Honors Algebra 2/Trig	AP Pre-Calc
Pre-Calc or AP Pre-Calc	AP Calculus AB or BC, AP Statistics, AP Computer Science Principles
Science	
Earned Honors Biology	Honors Chemistry
Chemistry or Earth Science	Earned Honors STEM Research, Earned Honors Nano, AP Environmental, AP Biology, Honors Anatomy, Honors Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Physics C
Physics or Physical Science	Earned Honors STEM Research, Earned Honors Nano, AP Environmental, AP Biology, Honors Anatomy, Honors Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Physics C



English

English 1	Honors English 2
English 2	Honors English 3 or AP Lang
English 3	Dual Credit English Composition, Advanced Placement Language or Advanced Placement Literature, Honors English 4

Social Studies

World Studies	AP U.S. History
U.S. History	AP U.S. Government and/or AP Comparative Government
Government	AP Economics, AP Human Geography, AP European History, AP Psychology, AP Comparative Government

State Exams and Cut Scores for Automatic Acceleration for the 24-25 School Year

Current 8th graders	Current Freshmen	Current Sophomores	Current Juniors
<p>All eighth-grade students will be enrolled in the most rigorous courses by taking Earned Honors Biology, English 1, and World Studies</p> <p>Math for incoming eighth graders is determined by the math course taken in 8th grade: Students who took Algebra 1 in 8th grade will be enrolled in Honors Geometry. Students who took Common Core 8th grade math will take Algebra 1.</p>	<p>Spring IAR math and reading data from their 8th-grade year</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ELA: 750 Math: 750</p>	<p>PSAT 9 data from the spring of their freshmen year</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ELA: 410 Math: 450</p>	<p>PSAT 10 data from the spring of their sophomore year</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ELA: 430 Math: 480</p>

**Because course selection occurs before we have access to students' most recent scores, we must use state testing data from the year before.*



Additional Information

- Students will automatically be placed in the most rigorous course at the next level
- Families must be notified that their student has been placed into honors or AP courses
- Students can choose to opt out with parental consent
 - A form must be completed by the parents/legal guardians, submitted to the district administration, and logged into PowerSchool
- All incoming ninth-grade students (current 8th graders) will have access to the most rigorous coursework through earned honors in English, biology, and world studies
 - [English 1 earned honors](#)
 - [Biology earned honors](#)
 - [Earned honors world studies](#)
- Supports for students in advanced coursework will include but are not limited to
 - AP/Honors Peer Tutors
 - Academic Literacy Center
 - Math Lab
 - Study Cafe with teachers who provided targeted assistance
 - Executive Functioning groups facilitated by our Guidance Department
 - Priority scheduling for advanced-level courses

Communication

- **Family communication**
 - Email all families explaining the Accelerated Placement Act and automatic enrollment for students who meet proficiency on the IAR, PSAT 9, and PSAT 10, and SAT
 - Explanation of an opt-out process if the student and family decide to forgo the advanced class
 - An overview will be included in our MHS Blog that goes to all families each week
 - Presentations will be conducted at our Parent University meetings and other family events
 - All Accelerated Placement Act communication will be posted on our webpage.
- **Student communication**
 - Email students explaining the Accelerated Placement Act and whether or not they qualify to move into advanced courses
 - Accelerated placement information will also be uploaded into our SIS (PowerSchool)
 - We will have a data warehouse to document students who opt out of the more rigorous course in which they were automatically placed

Resources:

[Accelerated Placement Act Guidance](#)

[ISBE Accelerated Placement Act overview](#)