

Policy

ACCELERATION IN KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 8

Acceleration to the next higher grade level may be considered as an educational option which meets and respects the developing nature of the individual student. This opportunity shall be offered to students in order to supplement their educational program with knowledge and skills which cannot be acquired in their existing program.

Determination of grade placement shall be made after careful consideration of teacher evaluation of student progress, results of standardized testing, the child's developmental needs and, to the extent possible, the wishes of the child's parents/guardians.

Acceleration can be for academic, social or developmental reasons, which respect the individual needs of the learner and his/her personal motivation. In exceptional circumstances, a student may be accelerated if it becomes evident that his/her capabilities are not fully challenged by the work, by the enrichment opportunities offered and by other district options.

Requests for acceleration, whether initiated by teachers or parents/guardians, will be referred to the appropriately trained professionals, including but not limited to the teacher and the school counselor, for consideration. Parental approval shall be required before a student shall receive any accelerated programs, including trial programs. Students shall be monitored in their accelerated program and may be returned to the general education program when the accelerated program fails to meet the their needs.

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Key Words

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<u>Legal References:</u>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7B-12	District of residence; determination
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C	High school graduation standards
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-19a	Newly enrolled students; records and identification
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-25.1	Proof of child's identity required for enrollment; transfer of record between districts
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-5	Admission of students under age
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-5.1	No child to be excluded from school because of race, etc.
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:38-6	Time of admission of students; first school year
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:44-2	Establishment of kindergarten; eligibility for admission
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:22-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Entitlement to Attend School Based on Domicile or
	<u>See particularly:</u>	Student Residency
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:22-3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-19.2, -19.3	Method of determining the district of residence
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-8.2	School enrollment

Possible

Cross References: *5111 Admission

ACCELERATION IN KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 8 (continued)

- *5120 Assessment of individual needs
- *6142 Subject fields
- *6142.2 English as a second language; bilingual/bicultural
- *6143 Curriculum guides

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.