

ACCELERATION

DEFINITIONS

Whole Grade Acceleration: The practice of assigning a student to a higher grade level than is typical given the student's age on a full-time basis for the purpose of providing access to appropriately challenging learning opportunities.

Individual Subject Acceleration: The practice of assigning a student to a higher grade level than is typical given the student's age for the purpose of providing access to appropriately challenging learning opportunities in one or more subject areas.

Early Admission to Kindergarten: The practice of admitting a student to kindergarten who has not yet reached the typical age at which students are admitted to kindergarten for the purpose of providing access to appropriately challenging learning opportunities.

Early High School Graduation: The practice of facilitating completion of the high school program in fewer than four years for the purpose of providing earlier than typical access to post-secondary educational opportunities.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A referral for possible acceleration must be made to the building principal and permission to review must be given in writing by the parent or legal guardian. A team meeting will be held to determine the protocol and assign data collection. After data is collected the team will make a recommendation. If the team determines a student will be accelerated, and the parent or legal guardian agrees with the team's recommendation, a written acceleration plan will be developed and the student will be placed in the accelerated setting. After a transition period, the student's work and adjustment to the accelerated placement will be reviewed. If the team decides the placement is appropriate, the student will remain in the current setting.

A parent or legal guardian of the referred student may appeal in writing the decision of the evaluation committee to the superintendent within 30 days of being notified of the committee's decision. The superintendent shall review the appeal and notify the parent or legal guardian who filed the appeal of his or her decision within 30 days of receiving the appeal. The superintendent's decision shall be final.