



CRYSTAL LAKE ELEMENTARY DISTRICT #47

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August 17, 2016

Mr. Sinthu Ramalingam
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Dear Mr. Ramalingam:

In response to your Freedom of Information Act Request received by District 47 on August 10, 2016, the information provided serves as fulfillment of obligation to your request. You requested a response to the following:

- Does your district have an acceleration policy? **Yes**
- If yes, does it allow students to enter Kindergarten early? **No**
- If yes, does it allow students to enter first grade early? **Yes**
- If yes, does it allow students to take classes at a higher level than their current grade? **Yes**
- If yes, does it allow students to skip grades? **Yes**
 - **District 47 does not accept early entrance into Kindergarten (students whose birthday falls after September 1st). Skipping of grades is generally discouraged; however, it is permissible under certain circumstances. A student may be referred for grade acceleration by a parent, teacher, or administrator. Such referrals should be made before April 1st for consideration for the following school year. The exception may apply for those students whose parents are seeking skipping of Kindergarten and early entrance into First grade. In those cases, referrals should be by June 1st at the latest. Children enrolling from private/homeschooling Kindergarten programs who have successfully completed such programs, and whose birthday falls between September 2nd and December 31st may be accepted into first grade only upon the recommendation of District 47 school professionals**
- If yes, does it allow students to graduate high school early? **Not Applicable**

The following information serves as fulfillment of obligation to your request. I would appreciate if you would acknowledge receipt of this FOIA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me 815-788-5000

Kind Regards,

Clare F. Bourne
Freedom of Information Officer
Crystal Lake School District 47

From: Sinthu Ramalingam <sinthu@onechanceillinois.org>

Date: August 10, 2016 at 11:53:54 AM EDT

To: khinz@d47.org

Subject: FOIA Request

Dear Superintendent:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act for records showing the following information:

- Does your district have an acceleration policy?
- If yes, does it allow students to enter Kindergarten early?
- If yes, does it allow students to enter first grade early?
- If yes, does it allow students to take classes at a higher level than their current grade?
- If yes, does it allow students to skip grades?
- If yes, does it allow students to graduate high school early?

Please send me the records in the electronic format in which you keep the records. If the records are only in paper format, please, if possible, mail them to me on a CD. If you are unable to send the records in one of the formats I requested, please contact me to discuss a charge in excess of \$10. I am not making this request for a commercial purpose.

Thank you,

Sinthu Ramalingam
Policy Associate
One Chance Illinois