



1. Who do I talk with first if I am interested in kindergarten acceleration for my child?

Please visit with your child's school counselor. Applications for testing will open mid-April each year.

2. Who is eligible to take the kindergarten acceleration exam?

Students must reside within the Celina ISD boundary and have proof of residency. The student must also be enrolled in a Celina ISD school. Proof of enrollment is required. Students must turn 6 years old by December 31st of the kindergarten eligible year. There are no exceptions.

3. Where do I get an application for kindergarten acceleration?

The child's school counselor can provide you with the credit-by-exam application.

4. When and where must I submit the application?

Completed applications should be submitted to the school counselor by the deadline of June 15th.

5. When and where will my child take the kindergarten acceleration exam?

Once the completed application is received, you will be contacted with a date and time for testing. Testing will be done at your child's home campus.

6. How long is the exam?

The length of the kindergarten exam depends on the student's responses and interaction with the examiner. There is a maximum three-hour time limit.

7. What do students have to score on the kindergarten acceleration test to accelerate?

Students must score an 80% or better on all four core content areas; English Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, and Science.

8. If my child meets the acceleration standard of testing, does he/she have to be placed in 1st grade or can I think about it?

If your child meets passing standards, your child will be placed in 1st grade. If you are not sure if you want them to be in 1st grade, then you should not have them take the kindergarten acceleration tests.

9. My child went to a private kindergarten. Can't they be placed in 1st grade without taking the kindergarten acceleration exam?

No. Students must complete kindergarten in public school to be automatically placed in 1st grade. If your child attended a private kindergarten or did not complete kindergarten in a public school and you wish for them to be in 1st grade, they will have to take and pass the Celina ISD kindergarten acceleration exams.

10. My child already knows how to read. He/She can also add and subtract numbers. Will they be bored in kindergarten?

Every child enters kindergarten with different strengths, and it's wonderful that your child is already reading and comfortable with adding and subtracting. In kindergarten, learning goes beyond academics. It's also about building social skills, developing independence, learning to work in groups, and exploring creativity. Teachers differentiate instruction, which means they provide enrichment and challenges for students who are ready to move ahead, while also supporting those who need more practice. Your child may already know some of the academic skills, but they will continue to be challenged, grow in new areas, and have opportunities to deepen their learning.