

**Policy**

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ACCELERATION IN KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 8

Acceleration to the next higher grade level should be considered as an educational option which meets and respects the developing nature of the individual pupil. It should enhance opportunities for pupils to acquire knowledge and skills which cannot be offered in his/her existing program.

Acceleration can be for academic, social or developmental reasons which respect the individual needs of the learner and his/her personal motivation.

Process

Acceleration may be considered after consultation with and input from the classroom teacher, parents/guardians, child study team, pupil and other staff members when appropriate. The superintendent shall make the final decision regarding acceleration.

The superintendent shall consider the following:

- A. The mental and physical maturity of the student;
- B. Evaluations and assessments information that are submitted by the parents/guardians;
- C. Additional testing and evaluation may be requested by the superintendent to make his/her final determination.

Referral for Acceleration

A student may be referred by a teacher, administrator, gifted and talented education teacher, guidance counselor, school psychologist, or a parent or legal guardian of the student for evaluation for possible accelerated placement. The referral shall be made in writing to the principal of his or her school.

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Key Words

Acceleration, Advancement

<b><u>Legal References:</u></b>	<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 pupils 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 pupils; 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 <i>et seq.</i>	Entitlement to Attend School Based on Domicile or Student Residency
	<u>See particularly:</u>	
	<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

ACCELERATION IN K TO 8 (continued)

N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.2                      School enrollment

**Possible**

**Cross References:** \*5111      Admission  
\*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.