

## Acceleration Guidelines

- Students need to be a resident of Berwyn North School District or eligible for enrollment in the district.
- These guidelines were created by the District 98 MTSS committee.
- Placement decisions will be made before July 1st. All data and information will be collected by the Acceleration Team, made up of District administration and appropriate grade-level teacher or school administration.
- The standards for Acceleration are rigorous because a child's appropriate placement is paramount to their academic and social-emotional growth.
- After 3 months, if the placement is determined to be inappropriate by the stakeholders, the student may be moved back to their age placement.

### **Early entrance to Kindergarten:**

#### Requirements:

Application window is April 1 - May 1st

Students would be tested in June.

- ★ Student must at least be 4 years old on the first day of school
- ★ Parent/Guardian Questionnaire
- ★ Developmental Survey (TSG)
- ★ Cognitive and Academic Exam
- ★ Can apply once for that school year; Acceleration Team's decision is final.

Students coming in early should be at Above Average Readiness for Kindergarten (Kindergarten level TSG score, 80% PR or higher on NWEA MAP, Stanine 6 or higher on CogAT)

#### Process:

- Complete [online application](#) April 1 - May 1st.
- Complete parent/guardian survey: Ages & Stages Questionnaire June 5th - June 25th.
- Student will be scheduled for in-person testing (CogAT and NWEA MAP) June 18th - June 25th.

*Decisions will be made before July 1st. All data and information will be collected by the Acceleration Team, made up of District administration and appropriate grade-level teacher or school administration.*

### **Early entrance to 1st Grade:**

#### Requirements:

Application window is April 1 - May 1st

Students would be tested in June.

- ★ Student must be at least 5 years old by the first day of school
- ★ Parent/Guardian Questionnaire

★ Cognitive and Academic Exam

★ Can apply once for that school year; Acceleration Team's decision is final.

Students coming in early should be at Above Average Readiness for 1st Grade (80% PR or higher on NWEA MAP, Stanine 6 or higher on CogAT)

Process

Complete [online application](#) April 1 - May 1.

Complete parent/guardian survey: Ages & Stages Questionnaire June 5th - June 25th.

Student will be scheduled for in-person testing (CogAT and NWEA MAP) June 18th - June 25th.

*Decisions will be made before July 1st. All data and information will be collected by the Acceleration Team, made up of District administration and appropriate grade-level teacher or school principal.*

**Single Subject Acceleration:**

Requirements:

Grades 1-7

Application window is April 1 - May 1st

Students would be tested in June.

★ Online application

★ MAP scores 90th Percentile in subject area (ELA or Math)

★ Cogat Stanine 7 or higher

★ Can apply once for that school year; Acceleration Team's decision is final.

Process:

Complete [online application](#) April 1 - May 1st.

[Teacher Recommendation Form](#) June 5 - June 25th.

If a student is transferring from another district, the student will be scheduled for in-person testing (CogAT and NWEA MAP) June 18th - June 25th.

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*-5th to 6th will need to be bused during the school day from the elementary school to the middle school.*

**Whole grade acceleration:**

Application window is April 1 - May 1st

Students would be tested in June.

Requirements:

- ★ Online application
- ★ MAP scores 90th Percentile in both Math and ELA
- ★ Cogat Stanine 8 or higher
- ★ Can apply once for that school year; Acceleration Team's decision is final.

Process

- Complete [online application](#) April 1 - May 1st.
- [Teacher Recommendation Form](#) June 10th - June 25th.
- If a student is transferring from another district, the student will be scheduled for in-person testing (CogAT and NWEA MAP) June 18th - June 25th.

*Decisions will be made before July 1st. All data and information will be collected by the Acceleration Team, made up of District administration and appropriate grade-level teacher or school administration.*