

Southeast Local School District

Academic Acceleration

Academic acceleration is a state-defined process that occurs when a student is significantly advanced in one or more subject areas. These students may be referred for acceleration to the next level in a particular subject area or the whole next grade level. Student placement will be determined in accordance with the district's acceleration policy.

Types of Acceleration

- Whole Grade – A student skips one or more entire grade levels or remainder of a grade level to become a full time student in a grade level above that of age peers. All instruction in all subjects and specials takes place at the upper grade level. State accountability testing also occurs at the new grade level.
- Single-Subject – A student skips one or more grade levels in one subject only to become a full time student in that course in a grade level above age peers. All instruction for the accelerated subject takes place at the upper grade level. The remainder of the school day is spent in the typical grade level. State accountability testing occurs at the higher grade level for the accelerated subject and the typical grade level for all other subjects.
- Early Entrance to Kindergarten – A student who is not 5-years-old by the August 1st cutoff date may enter Kindergarten if eligible through the acceleration process.
- Early Entrance to 1st Grade – A student who is not 6-years-old by the August 1st cutoff date and has not completed Kindergarten may enter 1st Grade if eligible through the acceleration process. This supersedes the mandatory Kindergarten requirement if the child enters through the formal acceleration process.
- Early Graduation – A student exits high school by skipping courses through the acceleration process. This is not the same as graduating early because of completing courses earlier than planned.

Acceleration Referral & Testing Timeline

August 19 – November 15	Referrals for 2 nd semester accelerations accepted
October 1 – December 18	Assessments & placement meetings for 2 nd semester accelerations
January 6 – March 31	Referrals for Fall accelerations accepted
March 1 – May 20	Assessments & placement meetings for Fall accelerations
April 1 – May 15	Early Entrance referral window – Applications available on April 1
Early to Mid-June	Early Entrance assessment and placement meetings
Early to Mid August	Additional placement meetings based on spring assessment results