

**Examinations for
Acceleration or
Course Credit**

If a student in grades 1–12 wishes to accelerate to the next grade level or earn course credit without having received prior instruction in the grade level or course, the District shall offer opportunities in accordance with state law and State Board rules for the student to take a Board-approved examination for this purpose.

**Kindergarten
Acceleration**

In order for a child who is five years old at the beginning of the school year to be assigned initially to grade 1 rather than kindergarten, the District shall require:

1. A score of 90 percent or higher on District-approved readiness tests or achievement tests administered by appropriate District personnel for each of the core subjects: English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies;
2. A letter of recommendation from the preschool or kindergarten the student previously attended;
3. Successful completion of a two- to four-week placement period in a class where appropriate District personnel can observe the student's social and emotional development;
4. The recommendation of a placement committee—consisting of the school counselor, the principal, the advanced academic facilitator, and a teacher with knowledge of grade level and content areas of kindergarten and grade 1—that considers the best interests of the student and his or her academic and affective needs; and
5. Written approval from the parent.