

## **Ottawa Elementary School Acceleration Policy 2018-2019**

Ottawa Elementary School District is committed to a high-quality education program for all students. We believe that all students have individual talents and skills, and that the educational process must provide for differences. Ottawa Elementary School District provides every child access to the optimal development of his/her intellectual, emotional, and creative potential through differentiated instruction.

Ottawa Elementary School District will implement an Acceleration Policy effective July 1, 2018 that will meet the requirements of Senate Bill 1223. This Accelerated Placement Act requires Illinois public school districts to adopt and implement policies on acceleration that will provide opportunities for early entrance to kindergarten and first grade. Students in second through eighth grade may qualify for opportunities to accelerate in a single subject area. (Math and English Language Arts)

Parents/Guardians who wish to have their child screened, may contact the main office to schedule an appointment in August.

### **Requirements for early entrance into Kindergarten:**

Academic Components:

- NWEA MAP Assessments  
Student must score 95% or higher on both the primary math assessment as well as the primary reading assessment.
- Ottawa Elementary Kindergarten Screener  
Student must score within the average range.

Social Emotional Component:

- Parents will complete a Conners Early Childhood Survey  
Student rating must range between Typical Level of Concern-Average or Typical Concern.

### **Requirements for early entrance into First Grade:**

Academic Components:

- NWEA MAP Assessments  
Student must score 95% or higher on both the primary math assessment as well as the primary reading assessment.
- Ottawa Elementary Kindergarten Screener  
Student must master screener with minimal errors.

Social Emotional Component:

- Parents will complete a Conners Early Childhood Survey  
Student rating must range between Typical Level of Concern-Average or Typical Concern.

**Requirements for single subject acceleration:**

**2nd-8th Grade**

**Math- English Language Arts**

- NWEA MAP Assessments  
Student's previous MAP scores (Fall, Winter, and Spring) must be in the 95th percentile or higher for the last two years.
- Parent/Guardian must be in favor and give consent.

(Policy created in house)

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