

Ottawa Elementary School Acceleration Policy

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 will need to fill out a referral form. Forms can be accessed online or at the district office.

Requirements for early entrance into Kindergarten:

The deadline to submit a request for possible early entrance is July 15th.

Academic Components:

- NWEA MAP Reading and Math Assessments
- Ottawa Elementary Kindergarten Screener

Social Emotional Component:

- Parents will complete a Conners Early Childhood Survey

Parent Component:

- Parent Survey

All assessments/surveys will be scored and recorded on a rubric.
Student must score 16 points in order to enroll

Requirements for early entrance into First Grade:

Academic Components:

- NWEA MAP Assessments
Student must score in the 95th percentile 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.

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