Early Entrance to Kindergarten and First Grade

Parents or professionals with knowledge of a child such as a preschool educator, pediatrician, or psychologist may refer a child for early entrance to kindergarten or first grade.

- Students who will turn 5 (kindergarten) or 6 (first grade) between September 1 and December 1 of the coming school year will be considered for early entrance.

Adults must refer the child to the school district by April 1 of the prior school year to be considered for early entrance.

- Following referral, a fair and equitable decision-making process involving multiple persons including the parent or guardian will be utilized to determine if the student will be granted early entrance.

- The assessment will include multiple valid and reliable indicators. To be eligible for early entrance, students must exhibit significantly above average academic performance for their age in math and literacy and demonstrate age-appropriate social/emotional skills.

- Parents or guardians of a student will be informed of the evaluation results and recommendation.
**Elementary GRADE-LEVEL Acceleration Process Flow Map**

1. **Initial Screener (All Students) NWEA MAP**
   - Why NWEA MAP?
     - MAP provides initial information about what students know and informs what they're ready to learn next.
     - High MAP RIT scores help us identify students who demonstrate high ability and who may be ready for more rigorous curriculum.

2. **Secondary Assessment and/or Performance Tasks and Review of Student Performance**
   - Why include a secondary assessment?
     - Ensure academic readiness for more rigorous content and accelerated placement through content-specific standards-based performance tasks.
     - In-depth understanding of content specific standards is critical to student success.

3. **Social Emotional/Developmental Screening - Teacher Input/Feedback**
   - Why social emotional/developmental screener?
     - Ensure developmental readiness for potential acceleration to a higher grade-level.

4. **Parent Meeting to discuss results and gather parental/other input**
   - Why parent meeting?
     - The partnership between parents and the school is a critical component for student success.
     - The school district will share student data regarding acceleration testing with parents.
     - When a student meets the criteria, parents will work with the school district to determine placement.

*Any student that starts with a middle school placement and ends with a middle school placement will not be given the social emotional screener.*
Three Tiers of Acceleration

Elementary Tier 1 Acceleration

- Tier 1 is an Math Differentiation Plan (MDP) or a Reading Differentiation Plan (RDP).
- Students with an MDP/RDP remain in their current grade-level with a high level of differentiation and possibly acceleration depending on identified student needs.
- The MDP/RDP is monitored by the principal, district curriculum coordinator, classroom teacher, and building math/literacy coach.
- Parents are involved in the MDP/RDP process through participation in meetings with the principal, math coach, and district curriculum coordinator.
- The initial screener (assessment) for an MDP/RDP is NWEA MAP.
- Students who score in the 99th percentile one grade-level above their current grade are screened further using a performance task to determine if they qualify for an MDP/RDP. See below for the qualifying RIT scores for Tier 1.

* MDP/RDPs do not transfer to middle school as middle school placement is based on courses.

## Tier 1 ILP in Grade-Level (99th percentile one grade-level above)

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Elementary Tier 2 Acceleration

Tier 2 is acceleration to the next grade-level in math or reading depending on the subject the student demonstrates a high level of proficiency in. (If a student meets the criteria in both math and reading, the student is considered for full grade-level acceleration).

The screener (assessment) for Tier 2 is NWEA MAP.

Students who score in the 98th percentile (math) or 99th percentile (reading) two grade-levels above their current grade are screened further with a performance task(s) and social/emotional screener. Additional testing may include the next level of MAP testing (the 2-5 MAP test for K-1 students and the 6+ MAP test for 4-5 students). See below for the qualifying RIT scores for Tier 2.

* Kindergarten students who qualify for Tier 2 or 3 will remain at Willow Grove with an MDP/RDP for that subject.

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Elementary Tier 3 Acceleration

Tier 3 is acceleration is available in math or reading depending on the subject the student demonstrates a high level of proficiency in. The placement will be determined by district and school administration in conjunction with parents and may depend on the current placement of the student. (If a student meets the criteria in both math and reading, the student is considered for full grade-level acceleration).

The screener for Tier 3 is NWEA MAP. Students who score in the 99th percentile three grade-levels above their current grade are screened further with a performance task(s) and social/emotional screener. Additional testing may include the next level of MAP testing (the 2-5 MAP test for K-1 students and the 6+ MAP test for 4-5 students). See below for the qualifying RIT scores for Tier 3.

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Middle COURSE Acceleration Process Flow Map

1. Initial Screener (All Students) NWEA MAP
   - Initial Parent Notification

2. Secondary Assessment and/or Performance Tasks and Review of Student Performance

3. Parent Meeting to discuss results and gather parental/other input

Why NWEA MAP?
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Why include secondary assessment?
- Ensure academic readiness for more rigorous content and accelerated placement through content-specific standards-based performance tasks.
- In-depth understanding of content specific standards is critical to student success.

Why parent meeting?
- The partnership between parents and the school is a critical component for student success.
- The school district will share student data regarding acceleration testing with parents.
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Course Acceleration: Middle School

**Pre-Algebra Survey (6th Grade)** students are screened for acceleration to Pre-Algebra in the fall, winter and spring using the NWEA MAP assessment.
- Students who score at or above a specific RIT (fall 241, winter 247, and spring 252) at their current grade level are assessed further with an additional performance task to determine movement from Pre-Algebra Survey to Pre-Algebra.

**Pre-Algebra (6th Grade)** students are screened for acceleration to Algebra 1 (7th grade) once in the fall using the NWEA MAP assessment.
- Pre-Algebra students who score at or above a specific RIT (261) using the 7th grade scale are assessed further with an additional performance task.
- Acceleration from Pre-Algebra to Algebra 1 only happens in the fall due to the Algebra 1 course content that would be missed if the switch were made at a later date.

**Bridge to Algebra 1 (7th grade)** students are screened for acceleration to Algebra 1 once in the fall using the NWEA MAP assessment.
- Students who score at or above a specific RIT (249) at their current grade level are assessed further with an additional performance task.
- Acceleration from Bridge to Algebra 1 to Algebra 1 only happens in the fall due to the Algebra 1 course content that would be missed if the switch were made at a later date.

**Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 (8th Grade)** students are not screened for acceleration in these courses.
- These courses are prerequisites for further required coursework, meaning that we do not allow students to progress to Algebra 2 without taking Algebra 1 in District 96 first.

**Language Arts** students are screened for acceleration to Advanced Language Arts each fall and spring using the NWEA MAP assessment.
- Students who score at or above a specific RIT (6th grade 231, 7th grade 235, 8th grade 240) at their current grade level in the fall will be administered a performance task for possible acceleration to Advanced Language Arts as soon as possible.
- Students who score at or above a specific RIT (6th grade 236, 7th grade 239, 8th grade 243) at their current grade level in the spring will have their Trimester 3 work reviewed for possible acceleration to Advanced Language Arts the following fall.