



Acceleration Policy

The teacher, school administrator and/or parent may request the process to evaluate a student for possible acceleration of a student from their current grade level to one grade level above. A team, consisting of the child's regular classroom teacher, school administrator, parent, and any other individual who will contribute credible information regarding the student being evaluated, will be formed. For kindergarten students who have not yet entered Bridgewater Academy, the team will consist of a current kindergarten teacher at the school. The team will evaluate data to include but not limited to; test scores, DIBELS, observations, anecdotal records, portfolios and any other method that portrays the academic achievement of the student. Observations of the child in a social setting will be required. After all data has been reviewed and discussed by the team, a final decision will be made by the school administrator.

(Please note that research has proven that accelerating a child on to the next grade in the elementary school setting is rarely the best way to help an advanced student. Acceleration will only be granted in extreme circumstances.)