

# Northeast College Prep

## Policy # 590: EARLY ENTRANCE AND GRADE ACCELERATION

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### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide procedures for the consideration of early entrance for students in kindergarten and 1st grade and grade acceleration for students in grades 1-8.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. Early Entrance for kindergarten is only allowed at Northeast College Prep if the student is 5 years old on or before September 15 of the year that they wish to start kindergarten.
- B. Early Entrance for 1st grade is only allowed at Northeast College Prep if the student is 6 years old on or before September 15 of the year they wish to start 1st grade.
- C. Grade Acceleration is allowed and will be determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the procedures set forth in this policy. Students will not be allowed to accelerate more than one grade level during their K-8 experience.
- D. All grade placement and acceleration decisions made by the administration are final.

### III. PROCEDURES

#### Grade Acceleration

It is the policy of Northeast College Prep to allow grade acceleration if the elementary or middle school student meets all of the following criteria:

1. The parent/guardian or educator initiates the request with the Executive Director, School Director, or teacher. All requests must be submitted by April 1 for the following school year. Parents will be notified regarding the dispensation of the request no later than June 15. Requests will not be considered after April 1.
2. The School Director will arrange a meeting with the parent and the student's teacher(s).

3. The purpose of the meeting will be to gather information regarding the student's current social and emotional development and academic achievement and abilities. It may be necessary to request further testing in order to make a decision. If that is the case, the parent is responsible for any costs incurred in this process.
4. After all necessary information has been collected, the Executive Director will decide whether the student shall be accelerated provided that the parent approves of acceleration. The Executive Director will communicate the decision to the parent.
5. If the student meets the criteria set by Northeast College Prep, additional testing may be necessary to determine correct placement within the new grade level.

### **Evaluation and Review**

Grade acceleration decisions will be reviewed within six weeks of placement. The administration retains the right to revoke the decision if the student is not successful in the new placement.

***Legal Reference:*** (Minn. Stat. §120B.15)  
Minn statute § 120A.20, subd. 1 (age limitations; pupils)