



July 30, 2015

Dear Parents,

State Board of Education rules require school districts to offer Examinations for Acceleration to students who wish to test for advancement to the next grade level or receive credit for a high school course for which he or she has had no prior instruction. Pleasant Grove Independent School District will offer examinations for acceleration for current kindergarten through twelfth grade students during the weeks of November 17-19, June 16-18 and July 20-22.

To receive credit for acceleration, a student must score **80%** or above on each individual examination. Upon meeting the test requirements, a student may advance one grade level or receive credit for a high school course for the 2016-2017 school year. The acceleration exams are very difficult for students as the tests cover the all of the required TEKS for the course. Please discuss all possibilities of classroom instruction with your child's school counselor before requesting this strenuous testing process.

In accordance with Pleasant Grove ISD Policy and Texas Education Law students must meet the following criteria to be eligible to take an exam for acceleration.

GRADES 1-5	GRADES 6-12
1. Comply with deadlines in this letter 2. Request an Exam for Acceleration 3. Have recommendation from school personnel that student be accelerated 4. Successfully complete the requested exam on listed testing dates 5. Current PGISD student.	1. Comply with deadlines in this letter 2. Request an Exam for Acceleration 3. Must have successfully completed or be enrolled in the prerequisite course for the requested exam 4. Successfully complete the requested exam on listed testing dates 5. Current PGISD Student.

Requests will be accepted through the following dates. No requests will be accepted after the published deadlines for test administrations.

Request Deadline	Testing Dates
October 13, 2015	November 17-19, 2015
April 22, 2016	June 16-18, 2016
June 6, 2016	July 20-22, 2016

If you have any questions concerning examinations for acceleration, please contact the principal or counselor of the school your child attends.

Mendy Sharp  
Director of Curriculum

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Director of School Services



REQUEST FOR ACCELERATION – Credit by Exam

Student Name:	Campus:
Current Grade:	Local ID#
Address:	Phone Number:

Test Requested: (Grade Level or Course)
Parent Signature:  Date:
I give my student permission to participate in the exam for acceleration.  I also understand my student will only be allowed two opportunities to receive credit for acceleration. Students requesting multiple tests for acceleration are required to pass the first exam before taking the second test.

Guidelines	
Grades 1-5	Grades 6-12
Comply with published deadlines	Comply with published deadlines
Have recommendation from school district personnel that student be accelerated	Must have successfully completed or be enrolled in the prerequisite course for the requested exam
Return signed form to principal	Return signed form to principal

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Form Received By:

Date:

Approved By:

Date: