

5.71 Acceleration Policy

The mission of Benton Schools is to create opportunities for all students to succeed. We are committed to providing students in the district equal opportunity to develop to their fullest potential. This commitment includes providing an educational program that recognizes the unique value, needs, and talents of each individual student.

Although students will normally progress annually from grade to grade, in a few cases, it may be appropriate to consider grade-level acceleration in kindergarten through eighth grade which would allow students to complete the standard K-12 program in fewer than thirteen years. If this course of action is considered, a thorough evaluation of the needs and abilities of the individual person must be completed by a child study team before a final decision is made. If there appears to be sufficient evidence that a change should be made in the student's grade placement, a plan for acceleration must be developed to facilitate a smooth transition and to assure that curriculum goals are not skipped but rather compacted into a reduced time period. When this course of action is being considered, guidelines for accelerated grade placement will be utilized.

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