

Acceleration Guidelines for Students in K-6 Mathematics

The Iowa City Community School District provides an enriched mathematics curriculum for all students in grades K - 6 with opportunities for extension rather than acceleration for most students. Grade acceleration in math impacts the student's future math instruction in all subsequent grades and is not an action to be taken lightly. The profile of a strong acceleration candidate would include the following characteristics:

- Scores that are consistently *well above* the class average on daily work and assessments
- Interest in and successful completion of classroom enrichment/extension opportunities
- Social and emotional maturity
- Exemplary work and study habits
- Strong interest in math and motivation to do challenging work

Advanced Course Options for Students in Junior High Mathematics

ICCSJ junior high students may accelerate/advance a level in mathematics upon receiving a score of 85 to 90 percent (or higher) on an end-of-course exam administered by the Iowa City Community School District. If a junior high student accelerates to the point where (s)he wishes to take a course at another building (such as a high school), then transportation will be a parental responsibility.