## **District Guidelines**

# For Kindergarten Acceleration



Students who will be six years old on or before December 31 of the kindergarten eligible year are eligible for kindergarten acceleration. If the student meets the testing criteria, he/she will advance to the first grade.

### **Testing and Application Dates:**

http://www.friscoisd.org/departments/kindergarten/kindergarten-acceleration

#### **Guidelines:**

- To participate in Summer testing, parent(s) must complete the *Online Required Parent Information Module* (the updated link will be posted mid-April each year) and complete the online application requesting testing by the published deadline.
- Fall testing is restricted to new-to-Frisco families who moved to the area over the summer.
  Parents will need to contact the campus counselor upon registering their student to let the counselor know they are interested in testing. Additional information and applications will be provided by the campus counselor.
- Requirements below apply to both summer and fall testing.
  - Parent(s) must complete and submit an application by the District's published deadline.
    A copy of the child's birth certificate and a copy of the child's FISD enrollment form must be already on file or attached to the application.
  - o Kindergarten acceleration testing in the fall is done at the child's home campus. Kindergarten acceleration testing in the summer will be conducted at a centralized location. Your counselor will have location information.
  - Parents will be contacted regarding test results. Recommendations will be discussed.
    Appeal of the testing results will not be available.
  - A student who tested in the summer may not test again in the fall because test results are valid for one year.
  - o Frisco ISD does not accept another district's kindergarten acceleration testing. A student who enrolls in Frisco ISD must meet Frisco ISD standards if deadlines have not passed.

#### Criteria

The testing process is administered in phases. A child must master Phase I to be able to progress to Phase II.

 Phase I - An achievement test is administered to determine the child's level of achievement with subtests in language arts and math. A composite score of 85th percentile or higher is required to advance to Phase II.

#### Phase II

- o Math Assessment: Minimum score 21 out of 24
- o Writing Samples: Scored with District Rubric (8 out of 10)
- o Reading Level: A DRA score of 10 or above