

June 30, 2017

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 15-16, May 18-19 and July 18-19.

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 2017-2018 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 12, 2017	November 15- 16, 2017
January 16, 2018	February 13-14, 2018
April 20, 2018	May 18-19, 2018
June 5, 2018	July 18-19, 2018

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

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