

Grade 1 - 6

Grade Acceleration Appeal Process

In cases where a student has not met the district criteria for grade acceleration, as outlined in the FPS Grade Acceleration Process, families may elect to file an appeal. An appeal, made to the Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services, must provide substantial evidences that a student will be successful when accelerated. Upon receipt of an appeal, the Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services will assign a review team which will be comprised of the following: a school administrator, content area coordinators, and a member of the teaching staff. Notification of the decision will be sent to the family by US mail and/or email. The decision of the appeal review team is final.*

The following must be included in the appeal:

- A letter from the family/caregivers clearly detailing their reasoning for desiring acceleration.
- Demonstration of the student's aptitude and/or achievement in as many of the core areas as available; this demonstration must be different than performance results derived from FPS based instruction and assessment. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - standardized testing related to student aptitude and achievement
 - performance on coursework taken outside of FPS
 - performance in academic competitions

The following may be included as part the appeal:

- A written recommendation from one past teacher
- A statement from the student detailing his/her reasoning for desiring acceleration

The appeal and the student's compiled academic record will be reviewed. If deemed necessary by the Associate Superintendent of Instruction, a meeting with the family/caregivers will be held to gather additional information.

*The timeline for the appeal process will be completed no later than 10 school days from the date of receipt by the Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services.