



# ACCEL



## Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning

A Florida State Statute for students who are significantly above average academically

In Polk County Public Schools, students are eligible to participate in an ACCEL option next school year when they have successfully completed ACCEL coursework in the prior school year, or have performed at the 93<sup>rd</sup> percentile or higher on a series of SAT-10 subtests taken during the summer.

Some options for eligible students include:

- Subject matter acceleration within a student's regular classroom
- Subject matter acceleration within a student's enrolled school
- Virtual instruction in a higher grade level subject
- Whole-grade and mid-year promotion
- High school credit acceleration granted by passing appropriate state End of Course Exams

As per Polk County School Board procedures, interested and eligible students scheduled to enter Grades 1 – 6 next year who would like to participate in ACCEL next year will need to:

- (1) Complete a ***Request for Academic Acceleration*** form, **and**
- (2) Take the SAT-10 assessment this summer and qualify, if they do not already qualify

***Request for Academic Acceleration*** forms are available at elementary schools, or through the ACCEL website ([www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net) **KEYWORD: Accelerated Programs**). **These forms must be signed by a school administrator, as well as the guardian, and sent to the Office of Acceleration and Innovation, Polk County Public Schools, by June 3, 2016.**

Parents/Guardians must register students for a specific testing date and location by logging on to [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net) **KEYWORD: Accelerated Programs, and clicking on the Registration link.** *There are eight testing opportunities from which parents/guardians may choose. More specific information about the times and locations for testing, as well as ACCEL, can be found through the website. **The deadline to register is May 31<sup>st</sup>.***

### **2016 ACCEL Testing Locations:**

- June 14<sup>th</sup>: Valleyview Elementary
- June 15<sup>th</sup>: Bartow High School
- June 16<sup>th</sup>: Scott Lake Elementary
- June 21<sup>st</sup>: Dundee Elementary
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>: Ridge Community High School
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>: Sleepy Hill Elementary
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Winter Haven High School
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Polk City Elementary

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