

Early Entrance Placement Measures

Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence (WPPSI)

The WPPSI is an individually administered intelligence test designed for children between ages two and a half and seven years and three months old. It generates a Full-Scale IQ that presents a child's general intellectual ability. This assessment can support admissions decisions, as well as general academic evaluations. Applicants must achieve a score of 130 in order to be considered for early entrance to kindergarten or first grade.

Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC)

The WISC is an individually administered intelligence test designed for children between the ages of 6 and 16 years of age. It generates a Full-Scale IQ that represents a child's general intellectual ability. This assessment can support admissions decisions, as well as general academic evaluations. Applicants must achieve a score of 130 or higher in order to be considered for whole grade acceleration.

Iowa Acceleration Scale (IAS)

The Iowa Acceleration Scale is a tool designed to guide educators in making important decisions regarding whether a particular student is a candidate for whole-grade acceleration. The tool is used by child-study teams to objectively determine through a series of assessment questions the degree to which whole grade acceleration would be recommended for a particular child. The assessment considers questions related to IQ, motivation, social-emotional development, and relationships.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

MAP is an adaptive assessment that is administered for reading and math in grades 3-8 and is intended to assess an individual student's growth and achievement.

Illinois Assessment for Readiness (IAR)

The IAR is a state-mandated assessment aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards and grade-level benchmarks for grades 3-8 in English language arts and mathematics. This assessment determines student proficiency with grade-level standards.

Local Assessments

Local assessments are tightly aligned to grade-level classroom instruction and are intended to assess learning based on standards-based instruction delivered across the school year. Local assessments utilize both end-of-unit assessments and teacher interview formats.

Teacher Recommendation

Recommending teachers will be required to complete a questionnaire and provide evidence of student work.

Early Entrance to Kindergarten Criteria

In order to be considered eligible for early entrance to kindergarten, applicants must achieve a minimum score of 130 or above on the Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence (WPPSI) in order to continue with the application process.

WPPSI
130 or above

Iowa Acceleration Scale
60-80

Early Entrance to First Grade Criteria

In order to be considered eligible for early entrance to first grade, applications must achieve a minimum score of 130 or above on the Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence (WPPSI) in order to continue with the application process.

WPPSI	Iowa Acceleration Scale	Fountas & Pinnell	Local Assessment
130 or above	60-80	Level D or above	Subset of end of unit assessments in kindergarten for ELA and Math

Subject Acceleration

Students must meet all criteria to be considered a candidate for subject acceleration

Illinois Assessment of Readiness* (IAR)	Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)	Local Assessment
Exceeds score in content area	98th percentile for three consecutive test administrations	Must score at least one grade level above current placement

*IAR required only for students in Grades 3-7 requesting subject acceleration.

Whole Grade Acceleration

Students must meet all criteria to be considered a candidate for whole grade acceleration. Applicants must achieve a minimum score of 130 or above on the WISC.

Illinois Assessment of Readiness* (IAR)	Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)	Iowa Acceleration Scale	Local Assessments
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Overall exceeds score in Math and ELA	99 th percentile for three consecutive test administrations	60-80	Subset of each end of unit assessment for the year that will be skipped.
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*IAR required only for students in Grades 3-7 requesting whole grade acceleration.