Pataula Charter Academy and

Spring Creek Charter Academy

Grade Acceleration Policy

Students at Pataula Charter Academy and Spring Creek Charter Academy may be eligible to accelerate one grade at the discretion of the Principal given ALL of the following criteria are met:

1. Only ONE grade made be accelerated for the entire school career.
2. Recommendation may come from parent or teacher; but parent, teacher(s), and Principal must ALL be in agreement on the final decision.
3. Student must have passed the past two years of Milestones or other state assessment.
4. Student must have 100% passing scores on most current report card.
5. Student must be at least 2 grade levels above current grade on CoGAT in Reading AND Math.
6. Student must qualify for the Gifted Program.
7. Student must have a strong internal motivation, as determined by teacher(s).
8. It must be determined that this would not be a social problem for the child, as determined by parents and teacher(s).
9. There should be evidence that this move will be helpful and not harmful to the student.

Procedure for grade acceleration:

1. Recommendation should be made before the end of the first semester to be eligible for that school year.
2. After a preliminary determination has been made to accelerate the student, the student will be placed in a class one grade ahead starting the second semester of the year.
3. The student will still be considered (and reported) in the original grade for the remainder of the year.
4. The student will also still take the Milestones (or other state assessment) of the original grade for that school year.
5. At the end of the year a final determination will be made as to whether or not the grade acceleration will be permanent. If the student passes the Milestones, has done well in the new grade both academically and socially, and all parties agree with permanent acceleration the child will be officially promoted to the accelerated grade the following year.

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