

BRMS Accelerated Program Criteria

Timeline: By July 15th parents and students identified for the accelerated class will be notified. BRMS Staff will notify parent(s) in writing of student's eligibility for Accelerated course(s).

Entrance:

- Students may be in Accelerated classes for Math, ELA, or both.
- Multiple measures, as indicated for each grade level below, will be used to determine eligibility for placement in Accelerated courses at the BRMS.
- Transfer-In students- Obtain grades and any standardized test scores from previous districts. Once registered, the building administration will have students come in and complete a benchmark assessment.
- Parent(s) and/or 5th grade teacher may complete an appeal for a student who did not meet Accelerated eligibility criteria to be considered for placement in an Accelerated course(s). Consideration of the appeal will be provided, pending available space in Accelerated courses.

Students entering 6th grade:

- Minimum Standards Based Report Card final grade average of 3.5 in Language Arts and/or Mathematics.
 - The average third trimester scores from each indicator within the broad content areas of Language Arts (7 indicators) and Mathematics (6 indicators) will be computed.
 - A student will not be eligible for Accelerated coursework if the student earned a score of "2" or lower on any indicator for the third trimester.
- Minimum-Math score of 498 (mid or above grade level) on final benchmark assessment from 5th grade.
- Minimum-ELA Level 4 (score of 1061) on final benchmark assessment from 5th grade.
- Meeting or Exceeding Expectation/750 NJSLA Score (most recent)
- Prior to making a final determination of a student's eligibility status, the Principal/Supervisor will discuss qualifying students' eligibility with the applicable 5th grade teacher(s).

Students entering 7th grade from non-accelerated courses:

- Minimum final grade of 90 in each of the student's Math and/or ELA classes
- Minimum-Math score of 514 (mid or above grade level) on final benchmark assessment from 6th grade.
- Minimum-ELA Level 4 (score of 1083) on final benchmark assessment from 6th grade.
- Meeting or Exceeding Expectation/750 NJSLA Score (most recent)
- Prior to making a final determination of a student's eligibility status, the Principal/Supervisor will discuss qualifying students' eligibility with the applicable 6th grade teacher(s).

Students entering 8th grade from non-accelerated courses:

- Minimum final grade of 90 in each of the student's Math and/or ELA classes.
- Minimum-Math Level 4 (score of 1136) on final benchmark assessment from 7th grade.
- Minimum-ELA Level 4 (score of 1092) on final benchmark assessment from 7th grade.
- Meeting or Exceeding Expectation/ 750 NJSLA Score most recent)
- Prior to making a final determination of a student's eligibility status, the Principal/Supervisor will discuss qualifying students' eligibility with the applicable 7th grade teacher(s).

Exit Criteria:

- To remain in Accelerated for the 2025-2026 school year, students must maintain a minimum of a "B" average for the 2025-2026 school year.
- During the 2025-2026 school year, if a student receives a grade below a "B" for a marking period, the student will have the following marking period to achieve a "B" or better to remain in the accelerated program.
- If the student receives a second consecutive grade lower than a "B", the student will be removed from the Accelerated course.
- Following the start of the school year, if a student wants to withdraw from Accelerated, and the parent agrees, the request must be made in writing to the Building Principal. Students may only be withdrawn from an Accelerated course at the end of a marking period.

Accelerated Program

Buena Regional Middle School offers students the opportunity to enroll in accelerated courses in Math and ELA beginning in 6th grade. Students can be in accelerated classes for Math, ELA, or both. Accelerated ELA exposes students to a fast paced learning environment with increased rigor over three years. This opportunity will prepare students for Honors level coursework in high school. Accelerated Math in 6th grade begins with a rigorous curriculum that exposes students to advanced level skills at a faster pace. In 7th grade, accelerated students will enroll in Pre Algebra and follow with Algebra 1 in 8th grade. Students who are enrolled in Algebra 1 in 8th grade will take the Algebra 1 NJSLA Assessment and will be considered for Geometry upon entering high school. Students will be assessed based upon end of the year grades, benchmark assessments, and standardized assessments.