

# Acceleration Resources

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## A Nation Empowered

- **Volume 1** summarizes the research on acceleration and features stories of accelerated students and their families. Ideal for administrators, parents, and others who need a brief, clear introduction to acceleration. 73 pages.
- **Volume 2** is a thorough investigation of what we have learned from over 50 years of educational research on acceleration and gifted students. Eighteen chapters provide an in-depth, wide-ranging look at this underused intervention. Recommended for educators, parents, researchers, and anyone looking for specific information on acceleration's effectiveness. 282 pages.
- Order the bound book or eBook at [www.nationempowered.org](http://www.nationempowered.org) or download the pdf for free.

## www.accelerationinstitute.org

- This website, hosted by the Belin-Blank Center, offers many different resources for educators, parents, policymakers, and researchers. For example, you can look up your state's acceleration policies, read about the 20 different types of acceleration, and view an annotated bibliography of articles about acceleration. If you click on the printer icon (at the top left of each webpage), you'll be able to produce a pdf that can be photocopied as a handout for parents, educators, or others.
- The website also includes a PowerPoint presentation on acceleration, found at <http://accelerationinstitute.org/Resources/PowerPoint/Default.aspx>. You are welcome to use the presentation if you're giving a talk about acceleration to a group of educators or parents.
- Acceleration in the News: <http://www.accelerationinstitute.org/News.aspx> provides the latest articles about acceleration.

## Iowa Acceleration Scale:

- The *Iowa Acceleration Scale, 3rd Edition* (available from Great Potential Press) is a tool to help educators and families make effective decisions regarding a grade-skip. The *IAS* guides a child study team (including educators, teachers, parents, and other professionals) through a discussion of the academic and social characteristics of the student. The *IAS* provides:
  - A more objective look at the student;
  - An analysis of the major factors to be considered in making acceleration decisions;
  - Guidelines for weighting the relative importance of the major factors;
  - Documentation of the student's strengths and concerns
  - A numerical range to guide the discussion and decision of acceleration; and,
  - A standard of comparison with students who have had successful accelerations.

**Guidelines for Developing an Academic Acceleration Policy:** Free download [www.accelerationinstitute.org/guidelines](http://www.accelerationinstitute.org/guidelines)

## I-Excel:

A new online, above-level test for high-ability 4th-6th graders. *I-Excel* offers the research-supported power of above-level testing in a convenient online format. *I-Excel* is an in-school assessment and is available throughout the school year. [www.i-excel.org](http://www.i-excel.org)

## Developing Math Talent:

By Susan Assouline & Ann Lupkowski-Shoplik. Build student success in math with the only comprehensive parent and teacher guide for developing math talent among advanced learners of elementary or middle school age. The authors offer a focused look at educating gifted and talented students for success in math. Published by Prufrock Press. 2011.