

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS
COLUMBIA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Academic Placement of Students Entering the
Columbia Local Schools for Schools
Not Approved (Accredited) by the
Respective State Department of Education

The Columbia Local Schools will not accept high school credits toward graduation from any school not accredited by the State Department of Education. State accreditation means that the school is approved by the State Department of Education with the prescribed and adopted standards for that state.

Students entering the Columbia Local Schools, grades K - 8, will be evaluated and placed on an individual basis. The building principal shall evaluate the existing written records, administer appropriate achievement and/or diagnostic tests, and observe the child's performance at the placement level.

Initially, the principal may:

1. Place the child in the grade level recommended by the schools that are not accredited by the State Department of Education.
2. Delay placing the child in the grade level recommended pending further performance information.
3. After adequate appraisal, deny the grade level placement recommendation of the non-accredited school and place the student in the most appropriate grade level.

Parents may appeal the principal's decision by written request to the local superintendent. The Superintendent's decision may then be appealed to the Columbia Board of Education. The Board of Education's decision is the final appeal within the schools.

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