

# Accelerated Science Test Information



In order to provide a more challenging curriculum for those students who have demonstrated an exceptional interest and motivation in science, Oswego District 308 offers an Accelerated Science class. Its core curriculum is the same as the regular science classes, but is expanded upon and enriched. Strong emphasis is placed upon inquiry and problem solving. This class allows for special projects and field trips that are related to the core curriculum.



The District offers the Accelerated Science program to seventh and eighth grade students at each junior high. In order to be recommended for Accelerated Science, students must fulfill several requirements. Those students who receive an average of 90 percent or better for the first two quarters can proceed with the selection process. The process involves:

1. Completion of a science based standardized achievement test.
2. Completion of a hands-on lab which involves writing a formal science lab report.
3. A recommendation by the current science teacher. This will include, but not be limited to, such factors as class participation, attitude, assignment completion rate and, student interest in the subject and class work.
4. The student's math grade for the first two quarters may also be a consideration.

Students will be placed in the accelerated class if they have scored above the required percentile for admission based upon the combined results of the factors listed above.

Science teachers will distribute letters to the eligible students.

The test date is Thursday, February 11, 2010 from 12:00 until 2:00 pm.

All students who are interested in testing for accelerated science will take the test on February 11, 2010. This is a half day on the school calendar so the school day ends at 11:30 am. Students who are testing will remain at their building for the test. **Students will need to bring a lunch to school that day since the cafeteria will not be open.** Testing will begin promptly at noon. The test will take most students 2 hours. Please arrange for pickup by 2:15 pm.