

PROMOTION, ACCELERATION, AND RETENTION OF K-8 STUDENTS

The promotion of students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade is based upon the student’s academic achievement and development. The educational program shall provide for the continuous progress of students from grade to grade, with students generally spending one year in each grade. On occasion, a student may need additional time in order to benefit fully from the instructional program. For such a student, retention may be considered. Teachers shall notify the principal and parents/guardians about possible retentions by the end of the second quarter and each quarter after that.

All students are held to the same academic content standards and high expectations. When a student experiences continued difficulty in school, it is the responsibility of the teacher to keep parents/guardians informed of the problem areas and to make every effort to remediate the learning problems. Early, frequent and effective interventions shall occur based on varied and proven teaching practices and methods, a variety of assessment data, and/or referral to appropriate community resources. It is assumed that such efforts have been made by teachers before retention is considered and will continue to be made as the retention process is initiated in accordance with established District procedures.

Every possible effort will be made by the administration and staff, in conjunction with the student’s family, to work with the student in counseling and tutoring so that the option of retention is used only as the last resort.

Some students may experience greater success through accelerated promotion. Students who demonstrate high levels of academic achievement and/or exceptional abilities may be allowed to advance to the appropriate grade during their elementary or middle school years. Determination of the appropriate placement of a student shall be the result of a collaborative effort involving the administration, teachers, parents/guardians, and the student, when appropriate.

The School District shall not discriminate on the basis of any protected category under Wisconsin or Federal Statute.

LEGAL REF: WI. ST. 118.001, 118.13, 118.24 (2) (a) (3), 118.30,
118.33 (6), 118.33 (6) (cm) I, 120.12 (2), 120.13

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