

BP 5123 PROMOTION/ACCELERATION/RETENTION

The School Board desires to see students progress with their peers through the school district's grade levels. To accomplish this, instruction should accommodate the varying interests and growth patterns of individual children and include strategies for providing extra attention or assistance when needed.

Promotion

Students shall progress through the school district's grade levels by demonstrating growth in learning the required basic skills.

Progress toward high school graduation shall be based on the student's ability to pass the subjects and electives necessary to earn the required number of credits.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements) (cf. 6146.5 - Elementary School Promotion)

Acceleration

Acceleration is possible when high academic achievement is evident. However, the student's social and emotional growth shall be taken into consideration before placing him/her in a higher grade.

Retention

The School Board recognizes that research indicates that very few children benefit from being retained during the elementary and middle grades. The Superintendent or designee shall promote alternatives to retention among certificated staff.

When a teacher believes that retention is necessary to meet a student's needs, he/she shall ask the principal to establish a student study team to consider the child's academic, social and emotional performance. The student's parent/guardian shall be invited to participate on the student study team.

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Study Teams)

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary School Promotion/Standards of Proficiency)

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