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Promotion and Retention of Students between Grade Levels

The district is dedicated to the total and continuous development of each pupil enrolled, and students are enrolled at the grade level suited to them academically, socially and emotionally. Students will generally be moved forward from grade to grade in a continuous pattern of achievement and growth that corresponds with his/her own development and the academic standards established for each grade and core subject. The school district follows research-supported guidelines in considering and/or recommending student retention.

When grade retention or acceleration is being considered, the school will refer the student to the PST (Problem Solving Team) process. The PST shall evaluate and recommend a grade placement for the student based on the relevant data. The PST shall consider:

- Mastery of grade level curriculum
- Overall classroom performance and participation
- Performance on standardized test data, as appropriate
- Previous interventions, including retentions
- Age and level of social and emotional maturity
- Regular school attendance
- Expressed preference of parents/guardians

None of the above factors shall be individually determinative. The building principal will make all final decisions about the grade level placement of students.

Retention of students for athletic purposes is prohibited.

Promotion and Retention of Students With Disabilities

For students receiving special education or related services, the Individualized Education Plan Team shall determine grade level placement and promotion. Nothing in this policy shall infringe on any right provided to students with Individualized Education Programs pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1972, or the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

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