



**NOTIFICATION OF ARD COMMITTEE OPTIONS
RELATED
TO GRADE PROMOTION
HB 657**

For students in grades 5 and 8, who do not perform satisfactorily on the first administration of the STAAR reading and/or math assessment, the ARD committee must meet before the second administration.

At this time, the committee shall determine:

1. the manner in which the student will participate in an accelerated instruction program;
and
2. whether the student will be promoted or retained

At the ARD meeting, the committee may promote the student to the next grade level if the committee concludes that the student has made sufficient progress in the measurable annual goals contained in the student's individualized education program.

A school district that promotes a student under this option is not required to provide additional opportunity for the student to perform satisfactorily on the assessment instrument.

This notification is applicable only to students eligible for special education who are enrolled in the fifth or eighth grade.