

# ***Dell Rapids School District #49-3***



## **Policies and Regulations Code: IKE – Instruction**

### **IKE PROMOTION & RETENTION OF K-8 STUDENTS**

The administration and teaching staff must strive to create plans of instruction and instructional organization that will permit students to progress through school according to their needs and abilities, as well as local and state requirements.

Students will normally progress annually from grade to grade. However, exceptions to this general policy may be made when it becomes evident that a student should proceed more slowly.

Retention will not be used until other possibilities have been exhausted, including but limited to special help, remedial work, and possibly summer school opportunities.

In all cases of retention, parents/guardians must be informed of the possible retention well in advance (usually by the third reporting period) and be given an opportunity for a parent/teacher/administration conference. In all instances, teachers will be offered the advice and assistance of the guidance counselors and other special school personnel.

Although teachers may recommend retention, all retentions (as well as promotions) will be approved by the building principal. Teachers, in recommending retentions and principals in approving them, will give the reasons why they feel the student should be retained. Parents/Guardians, who do not agree with the retention determination, may appeal this retention determination to the school board.

The building principal will take particular care in approving a second retention during the child's elementary and/or middle school life. The superintendent must approve a second retention of any K-8 student.

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