

PROMOTION/RETENTION

The Orondo School District Board of Directors endorsed the emphasis on individual instruction and development and recognizes that the rate of physical, social, emotional and academic growth will vary among individual students.

Achievement and performance are the criteria of progress preferred over what grade a student is enrolled in, or how many years he/she has been in school. Since each student grows at his/her own rate, these individual growth characteristics shall be recognized in classroom programming.

After a student has successfully completed a year of study at a specific grade level, he/she will be promoted to the next grade. All special services within the district should be utilized to gain a comprehensive understanding of each student in order to place him/her in the best possible learning-teaching situation. Within this structure, we recognize that different groups of students could also be formed for various reasons and for different lengths of time dependent upon students who have common needs, concerns, etc.

Retention at the same grade may be beneficial to the student when he/she is not demonstrating minimum competency in basic skill subjects in relation to ability and grade level. When retention is considered many factors will be carefully studied in relation to the child including: physical maturity, social maturity, emotional maturity, chronological age, mental maturity, achievement and attendance.

Before a decision regarding retention is made on any student, a team including the principal, classroom teacher, specialist teacher(s), and other significant school personnel shall meet to determine the most appropriate grade placement. School and classroom records, the Light's Retention Scale, and child and parent attitudes are all factors to be considered.

Parents will be informed of any retention possibilities as soon as possible and by Spring Parent Conferences at the latest. Special circumstances may alter this policy.

Cross References: Board Policy 2090

Program Evaluation

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School District Name: Orondo School District #13

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