

Board of Trustees Douglas County School District

STUDENTS

PROMOTION, RETENTION, AND DEMOTION OF STUDENTS

The Board recognizes that the social and educational growth of students will vary and that they should be placed in the educational setting most appropriate to their needs at the various stages of their academic growth. Because the potential for a student's academic success in school is clearly related to his/her proper placement and course of study, the decision to promote, retain, or demote a student must be based on a careful study of all available information with a focus on student achievement data.

The Board of Trustees is required to establish a minimum number of days of attendance for promotion. At all schools, a minimum of 90% of the days remaining in the school year from the time of enrollment, is the minimum required. Students who do not meet the minimum number of days of attendance will be considered for grade retention or credit (secondary only) not being awarded.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations for promotion, retention, and demotion of students in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. The District shall not use retention without academic cause. Early identification of basic skill deficiencies should be documented along with the development of a plan citing interventions.
2. The school must involve parents/guardians in the student's academic evaluation process, encourage their involvement in their student's academic achievement, and ensure that the parents/guardians receive early and ongoing notification of their child's academic achievement.
3. All possible resources of the classroom teacher, the school, parents/guardians, and the District should be utilized in evaluating student achievement and in making recommendations for the student's promotion, retention, or demotion.
4. The school shall make every effort to obtain and strongly consider parent/guardian input and obtain parent/guardian support in cases of student promotion, retention, or demotion.

The classroom teacher and the principal, in joint agreement, have the final authority to retain a student in the same grade for the succeeding school year. No student may be retained more than one time in the same grade.

[See Administrative Regulation related to this Policy](#)

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