

PROMOTION, RETENTION, AND ACCELERATION OF STUDENTS

Academic promotion, retention and acceleration are applied equitably to all students in the school district as needed, determined by appropriate data and collaboration. These practices allow a student to progress through an education program at the rate that is appropriate for the individual learner based on academic need versus the age of the learner. The processes should include: referral, collaborative decision-making including all stakeholders, guidelines for practice, guidelines for preventing non-academic barriers and an appeals process for the decision related to the acceleration, promotion or retention of the learner. If the process is to be challenged by parents or guardians an appeals process shall be instituted.

Appeals process for promotion, retention, or acceleration

If a decision is made by a principal to promote, retain, or accelerate a student that a parent/guardian disagrees with, the parent/guardian may appeal the decision in writing to the superintendent or designee within 10 days of the decision notification. Failure to request an appeal within 10 days will result in a waiver of the right to appeal and the principal's decision will become final. If an appeal is properly requested, the superintendent or designee will review the records concerning the decision and make a decision to uphold or overturn the principal's decision. The record includes all documents concerning the challenged action that informed the final decision. This appeal decision will be delivered in writing to the parent/guardian within 10 days.

If the parent/guardian is dissatisfied with the decision of the superintendent or designee, a written appeal may be made to the Board of Education within 10 days of the decision notification. Failure to request an appeal within 10 days will result in a waiver of the right to appeal and the superintendent or designee's decision will become final. If an appeal is properly requested, the Board will review the records concerning the decision. The record includes all documents concerning the challenged action that informed the final decision. Based on the review of the record the Board will decide to uphold or overturn the decision, which becomes final. The Board decision will be delivered in writing to the parent/guardian within 10 days.

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