

Salinas City Elementary School District

Students

Policy #5123

PROMOTION/ACCELERATION/RETENTION

Mandated Policy

The Governing Board expects students to progress through each grade level within one school year. To accomplish this, instruction should accommodate the variety of ways that children learn and include strategies for addressing academic deficiencies when needed.

Students shall progress through the grade levels by demonstrating growth in learning and meeting grade-level standards of expected student achievement.

When high academic achievement is evident, the Superintendent or designee may recommend a student for acceleration into a higher grade level. The student's maturity level shall be taken into consideration in making a determination to accelerate a student.

As early as possible in the school year and in students' school careers, the Superintendent or designee shall identify students who should be retained and who are at risk of being retained in accordance with law, Board policy, administrative regulation and the following criteria:

Students shall be identified on the basis of grades and teacher recommendation. It is the intent of this policy to identify the five percent (5%) of students who will benefit from retention or from the academic intervention designed for students at-risk of retention.

English Language Learners shall not be subject to retention solely based upon their English language proficiency.

No students shall be more than one grade level behind their normal grade level assignment or over-age for their grade level assignment by more than one year.

When a student in grades 2 through 6 is retained or recommended for retention, the Superintendent or designee shall offer programs of direct, systematic and intensive supplemental instruction in accordance with Education Code 37252.5.

Reference: EC 37252.5, 46300, 48011, 48070-48070.5, Adopted: April 23, 2001
EC 48431.6, 56345, 60641-648, 60850-856; CODE OF REGS, TITLE 5 200-202 ; CDE MGMT
ADVISORIES 0900.90; LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OPINION 21610; CSBA ADV: 0901.99;
Social Promotion/Retention Advisory; WEB SITES: CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>; CDE:
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