

POLICY – STUDENT RETENTION/PROMOTION

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The Board recognizes that the rate of physical, social, emotional and academic growth will vary among individual students. Since each student develops at his/her own rate, these individual characteristics shall be recognized in classroom programming and assignment.

After a student has successfully completed a year of study at a specific grade level, he/she will be promoted to the next grade. Retention at the same grade may be beneficial in rare cases when the student is not demonstrating minimum competency in basic skills areas and subjects in relation to ability and grade level. The principal shall carefully consider feedback from parents, appropriate teachers, support staff and/or professional agencies regarding the student's physical maturity, social maturity, chronological age, mental maturity, along with potential non-retention interventions, before assigning a student to a specific grade level, as per policy 2232.

No student shall be retained for more than two (2) years in the same grade.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures regarding student promotion/retention.

Cross Reference:	Policy 2232	Grade Placement
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