

Descriptor Term: GROUPING FOR INSTRUCTION

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The Board of Trustees believes that children should be grouped for instruction in order to provide the most effective learning environment. Age and grade differences should not constitute a barrier to *grouping*. Rather, the basic criteria for *grouping* should be the learning being sought and the instructional needs of the students.

School personnel will make certain that every available indication as to a student's needs, achievement, and ability is utilized in determining placement. Among items which will be considered are: grades on permanent records, scores on District standardized tests, teacher observations, and the student's learning style.

A student's assignment to a group or level will not be considered permanent. If, in the judgment of the teacher, a change is deemed advisable, the teacher will discuss the matter with the principal. Every effort will be made to assign the student to a group in the best educational interests of the student.

The placement of a student will be discussed with the parent, and at high school level, should be cooperatively decided by the student, parent, teacher, guidance counselor, and administrator.

*Grouping* will be conducted so as not to discriminate against any student on the basis of race, ethnic background, or gender. *Grouping* will also be conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations covering education of the handicapped.