

**Tumwater School District  
Board Policy**

**PROMOTION/RETENTION**

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.

Promotion from one grade to another occurs at the end of the school year after the recording of final grades. A natural consequence of classification on the basis of chronological age is a normal year-by-year progression into the successive grades. Departures from this policy are authorized where, in the opinion of the teacher, the principal, and whatever administrative agencies may be involved, the total development of the student would be aided by reclassification to an earlier grade, repetition of the same grade, or by acceleration. In the secondary schools, when a student is making less than a satisfactory adjustment to grade level, he/she may be directed to repeat all or part of the work.

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