

**Policy 5123 Promotion/Acceleration/Retention**

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The Governing Board expects students to progress through each grade level within one school year. Toward this end, instruction shall be designed to accommodate the variety of ways that students learn and provide strategies for addressing academic deficiencies as 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 teacher may recommend a student for acceleration to a higher grade level. The student's maturity level shall be taken into consideration in making a determination to accelerate a student.

Teachers shall identify students who should be retained or who are at risk of being retained at their current grade level as early as possible in the school year and as early in their school careers as practicable. Such students shall be identified at the following grade levels: (Education Code 48070.5)

1. Between grades 2 and 3
2. Between grades 3 and 4
3. Between grades 4 and 5
4. Between the end of the intermediate grades and the beginning of the middle school grades
5. Between the end of the middle school grades and the beginning of the high school grades

Students may be identified for retention on the basis of failure to meet minimum levels of achievement, as indicated by grades and/or the following additional indicators of academic achievement:

- State Assessments
- District Assessments
- Portfolios

If a student does not have a single regular classroom teacher, the Superintendent or designee shall specify the teacher(s) responsible for the decision to promote or retain the student. (Education Code 48070.5)

The teacher's decision to promote or retain a student may be appealed in accordance with AR 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention.

When any student in grades 2-9 is recommended for retention or is identified as being at risk for retention, the Superintendent or designee shall offer an appropriate program of remedial instruction to assist the student in meeting grade-level expectations. (Education Code 48070.5)

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07/2005  
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### Policy Reference Disclaimers

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

#### State

5 CCR 200-202  
Ed. Code 37252-37254.1  
Ed. Code 41505-41508  
Ed. Code 46300  
Ed. Code 48010  
Ed. Code 48011  
Ed. Code 48070-48070.5  
Ed. Code 56345  
Ed. Code 60640-60648.5

#### Description

Admission and exclusion of students  
Supplemental instruction  
Pupil Retention Block Grant  
[Method of computing average daily attendance](#)  
[Admittance to first grade](#)  
[Promotion/retention following one year of kindergarten](#)  
[Promotion and retention](#)  
[Elements of individualized education plan](#)  
[California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress](#)

#### Management Resources

California Department of Education  
Publication  
California Department of Education  
Publication  
California Department of Education  
Publication  
Website  
Website  
Website

#### Description

FAQs Promotion, Retention, and Grading (students with disabilities)  
FAQs Pupil Promotion and Retention  
  
Kindergarten Continuance Form  
  
[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)  
[California Department of Education](#)  
[CSBA](#)

### Cross References

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
4231	<a href="#">Staff Development</a>
5020	<a href="#">Parent Rights And Responsibilities</a>
5020	<a href="#">Parent Rights And Responsibilities</a>
5111	<a href="#">Admission</a>
5111	<a href="#">Admission</a>
5121	<a href="#">Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement</a>
5121	<a href="#">Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement</a>
5125	<a href="#">Student Records</a>
5125	<a href="#">Student Records</a>
5125.3	<a href="#">Challenging Student Records</a>
5145.6	<a href="#">Parent/Guardian Notifications</a>
5145.6-E(1)	<a href="#">Parent/Guardian Notifications</a>
5147	<a href="#">Dropout Prevention</a>
6000	<a href="#">Concepts And Roles</a>
6011	<a href="#">Academic Standards</a>
6020	<a href="#">Parent Involvement</a>
6020	<a href="#">Parent Involvement</a>
6120	<a href="#">Response To Instruction And Intervention</a>
6146.3	<a href="#">Reciprocity Of Academic Credit</a>
6146.3	<a href="#">Reciprocity Of Academic Credit</a>
6146.5	<a href="#">Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements</a>
6162.5	<a href="#">Student Assessment</a>
6164.5	<a href="#">Student Success Teams</a>
6164.5	<a href="#">Student Success Teams</a>
6170.1	<a href="#">Transitional Kindergarten</a>
6172	<a href="#">Gifted And Talented Student Program</a>
6172	<a href="#">Gifted And Talented Student Program</a>
6173.1	<a href="#">Education For Foster Youth</a>
6173.1	<a href="#">Education For Foster Youth</a>
6173.2	<a href="#">Education Of Children Of Military Families</a>
6173.2	<a href="#">Education Of Children Of Military Families</a>
6176	<a href="#">Weekend/Saturday Classes</a>
6177	<a href="#">Summer Learning Programs</a>
6179	<a href="#">Supplemental Instruction</a>