

## Title: Student Promotion and Retention

The administrator of each school is responsible for recommendation of promotion or retention of students.

When a student is being considered for retention in the same grade or class in grades K-8, parents shall be informed as early in the year as possible so that appropriate interventions can be planned and implemented. For students in grades K-6, if a student is not reading at a proficient level, the District will notify a student's parent or guardian of a student's reading level and the option for parents to request that the student be retained in the student's current grade level for the subsequent school year. The District is prohibited from promoting a student to the next grade level if the student is not reading proficiently and the student's parent or guardian requests the student be retained at their current grade level for the next year.

Students in grades 9-12 will be informed each year of the requirements necessary to graduate. When it becomes evident a student in these grades will be unable to meet the graduation requirements, the parents will be informed. Students will be classified in freshman, sophomore, and junior cohorts based on the original year of graduation (OYG) established upon entry into high school. Students earning 36 credits will be classified as seniors.

It shall be within the sole discretion of the Board of Directors to approve or deny graduation to a student.

The Superintendent will ensure there is a process for determining student retention.

## Cross References:

625, 635

## Legal References:

Iowa Code Chapters 256.11, 279.8, 280.3

281 IAC 12.3(6), 12.5

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