

PROMOTION AND RETENTION

Student grade placement in the Indian River School District is based upon an evaluation of each student's achievement in terms of appropriate instructional goals. The basis for making this determination will reflect report cards, daily observation, standardized tests, Delaware's state assessment program data, and other objective data, as well as compliance with Delaware Law.

In order to determine K-8 grade placement, each school will have a Promotion and Review Committee chaired by the principal. The purpose of the Committee is to recommend which students shall be promoted, retained, and administratively placed. However, the final decision as to grade placement within a school is the responsibility of the principal in accordance with Delaware's accountability legislation. Placement of high school students is determined by the credits earned.

Grades K-5

The decision for grade placement will rest with the building principal after receiving a recommendation from members of the Promotion and Review Committee, as well as members of a student's TISS, 504, and/or IEP team, if applicable. Under normal circumstances the student will be promoted to the next grade level if they receive a passing grade in math, writing, and reading/ELA.

Grades 6-8

The decision for grade placement will rest with the building principal after receiving a recommendation from the Promotion and Review Committee, as well as members of a student's 504, Student Problem-Solving Team, and/or IEP team, if applicable. Under normal circumstances the student will be promoted to the next grade level if they receive a passing grade in at least four units, three of which must be core subjects, (language arts, math, science, social studies), two of which must be math and language arts.

Grades 9-12

Beginning with the Class of 2029, students in grades 9 through 12 must have earned the following total credits in order to be promoted to the next high school grade:

Promotion	Credits	Credits Required
9-10	6	1 Eng 1 Math
10-11	12	2 Eng 2 Math
11-12	20.5	3 Eng 3 Math
12-Graduation	24.5	4 Eng 4 Math

Parent Notification

Parents or adult students (students aged 18 years or older) must be notified in writing, at any time, when it is apparent that the student may be retained. A copy of the notification must be placed in the student's cumulative record. Parents must be able to assume that a student earning a C or above course is satisfactorily performing in the assigned grade. The opportunity for a conference with the teacher or principal must be provided to the parents of the student who may be retained.

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