

Promotion and Retention of Students

The Board is dedicated to total and continuous development of each student enrolled. The professional staff is expected to place students at the grade level best suited to them academically, socially and emotionally.

Students will normally progress annually from grade to grade. Exceptions may be made when, in the judgment of the professional staff, such exceptions are in the best educational interest of the students involved. Exceptions will always be made after prior notification and explanation to the student's parents, but the final decision on traditional promotion and retention will rest with school authorities. Any decision may be appealed to the superintendent.

Parents who believe their son/daughter should be allowed to "skip" a grade will be required to:

1. Furnish test results that demonstrate the student's IQ is above 125.
2. Furnish academic test results that demonstrate the student's extraordinary academic ability, i.e. at least 97th percentile in Reading and Mathematics, or have standardized test results that would place the child in the top third of those entering the grade desired.
3. All expenses incurred with the testing process will be paid by the parent/guardian.
4. The final decision will rest with the building principal who shall meet with parents and other professional staff, prior to rendering a decision.
5. All cases of grade advancement will be for a six week trial basis. Students may move back into the previous grade level if this transition is not going well. This decision will be made by the principal.
6. No student will be allowed to skip a grade without parental permission.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):
OAR 581-022-1130
OAR 581-022-1670