

513 STUDENT PROMOTION, RETENTION, AND PROGRAM DESIGN

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to professional staff, parents, and students regarding student promotion, retention, and program design.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school board expects all students to achieve an acceptable level of proficiency. Parental assistance, tutorial and remedial programs, counseling and other appropriate services shall be coordinated and used to the greatest extent possible to help students succeed in school.

A. Promotion

Students who achieve at a level deemed acceptable by local and state standards shall be promoted to the next grade level each year.

B. Retention

Students who do not achieve at a level deemed acceptable by local and state standards shall be retained at the current grade level, when professional staff and parents feel that it is in the best interest of the student. Scholastic ability and achievement, physical development, maturity, cultural norms, emotional factors as well as attendance and age shall be considered.

C. Program Design

1. The superintendent, with participation of the professional staff and parents, shall develop and implement programs to challenge students that are consistent with the needs of students at every level. A procedure for screening and identifying students for the program assignment shall be developed in coordination for such programs.
2. The school district will adopt procedures for the academic acceleration of gifted and talented students. These procedures will include how the district will:
 - a. assess a student's readiness and motivation for acceleration; and
 - b. match the level, complexity, and pace of the curriculum to a student to achieve the best type of academic acceleration for that student.

Legal References: Minn Stat. 120B.15 (Gifted and Talented Programs)
Minn Stat. 123B.143 Subd. 1 (Superintendents)
Cross References: Policy 6240 (Demonstration of Mastery for Credit)

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