

As students of Minidoka County Joint School District No. 331 receive credit and advance academically, they will be promoted or advanced to different grade levels and schools.

**Provisions:**

The District shall promote students under the following provisions:

1. Students in grades 1-8 shall be promoted to the next grade providing the student is so recommended by the building principal. The building principal, after consultation with parents, teachers, counselors, and other pertinent consultants, shall have the prerogative to retain a student.
2. Students may advance from middle school to high school after completion of 8<sup>th</sup> grade, if they meet the following criteria (according to District Policy ~~272.00~~ 280.00 Graduation Requirements):
  - a. Students are required to attain a minimum of ~~eighty-five~~ eighty percent (~~85~~ 80%) of the total available credits as indicated in Policy 272.00 Middle School Credits.
  - b. In order to receive credit students must not miss more than 10% of class time each grading period. As outlined in Policy 320.00 Attendance; ~~before the student will be eligible for promotion to the next grade level.~~
  - c. To be considered for promotion to the next grade, students cannot lose more than one credit in any core area, and must attain a minimum of 60% of the total available credits each year.
3. Whether or not a student remains at a middle school or goes to a high school will be evaluated on an individual basis for students on an Individual Education Plan to determine what is best for the student. Students not on IEP/ELP and not meeting the requirements to be advanced to a high school may petition for advancement, and may be allowed to advance with administrative approval. **Grade promotion will be based on academic readiness, growth, and proficiency and not solely on social factors.**
4. Each school will develop appropriate procedures to implement this policy, as well as to promote academic excellence and best practices for all students. Students have the right to appeal any promotion or retention decision to the building principal, and then to the superintendent if not satisfied with the decision of the principal. The Board of Trustees will serve as the final step in the appeals process. Appeals must be made in writing and submitted at the proper step to the person responsible.



**LEGAL REFERENCE: Idaho Code §33-512**

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