

STUDENT PROMOTION, RETENTION OR ACCELERATION

In grades K-8 students will be promoted to the next grade level at the end of each school year based on the student's achievement, age, maturity, emotional stability, and social adjustment.

Students will normally progress annually from grade to grade. Exceptions may be made when, in the judgement of the teachers and the principal, 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 will rest with school authorities. In the case of the question of maturity of a child, the child will be tested by an outside agency with the permission of the parents, to determine the child's placement.

In middle school, a pupil must have earned an average of 70% for the academic year in all core courses (English, reading, math, science, social studies) to be promoted to the next grade level. When it becomes apparent a middle school student is at risk of failing to meet the minimum of 70% for the year, both the student and parents will be informed.

In high school, a pupil must have earned sixty (60) credit hours and attended an approved high school for two semesters to be classified a sophomore, one hundred twenty (120) credit hours and attended an approved high school for four semesters to be classified a junior, and one hundred eighty hours and attended an approved high school six semesters to be classified a senior. When it becomes apparent a secondary student is at risk of failing to meet the minimum credit requirements for the year, both the student and parents will be informed.

The parents will be requested to indicate in writing their agreement or disagreement with the recommendation for retention. The final decision will rest with the school administration. Parents may request retention if they believe it to be in the best interest of their student. The principal will confer with the teachers and parents to determine appropriate action.

Legal Reference: Nebraska Statute 79-526