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Promotion and Retention

Grades PreK-8

In making the decision to promote or retain a student, the principal will form a promotion/retention committee comprised of the principal, the classroom teacher(s), guidance counselor, the child's parents, and other trained professionals as deemed appropriate for each individual circumstance. ~~These persons shall consider the opinion of other trained personnel, the child's educational background, appropriate achievement tests and/or district developed criterion-referenced tests, classroom performance, Response to Intervention (RTI), age, and emotional and social well-being.~~

~~If a student has failed a course, the principal will determine if that student repeats the course or an alternate program of instruction. Before a decision to retain a child is made, the responsible principal shall ensure that appropriate communication between the district and the child's parent(s) or guardian has taken place at appropriate times as to the child's educational or related difficulties.~~

Grade 4 and Grade 8 Promotion

In accordance with State law 118.33, no student shall be promoted from 4th to 5th grade or 8th to 9th grade unless the student satisfied the specific criteria for promotion. The following are to be considered in determining whether to promote a student:

1. Score a "Basic or Equivalent" or higher on the most recent State assessment results that are available for the student; OR
2. Successfully complete grade level coursework and/or other academic criteria based on Board approved standards and curriculum in the assessed areas; OR
3. Have the recommendation of the site promotion/retention committee; OR
4. Demonstrate reasonable progress in meeting IEP goals as determined by the student's Individual Education Program (IEP) team. Meeting this requirement supercedes all other requirements.

Grades 9-12

See Policy #345.5 and Exhibit for grade 12 graduation requirements.

A student with special needs that ~~The student~~ has progressed toward his or her education goals as specified in the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 plan and receives the recommendation of the student's IEP Team or Section 504 team **will be promoted.**

NOTE: Parents or guardians may appeal to the Board of Education a decision to retain (not promote) their student. Such an appeal must be made by filing a written request to the District Administrator within 15 days of receiving written notice of the decision to retain. The Board of Education will hold a closed session hearing within 30 days of the appeal.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.33(6)(a)(1) Wisconsin Statutes
118.33(6)(a)(2)
118.24(2)(a)

CROSS REFERENCE: Policy #345.5 - Graduation Requirements

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