

PROMOTION/RETENTION OF STUDENTS (GRADES PreK-8)

Promotion to 5th grade (from 4th) and to 9th grade (from 8th) are handled by the building administrators in the following manner:

Promotion to 5th grade: Decisions are based on a child study team recommendation, referral to the elementary principal and then a referral to the Superintendent.

Child Study Team Criteria:

- Knowledge of English Language
- Physical size
- Student's age
- Sex of the student
- Current grade placement
- Previous grade retention
- Immature behaviors
- Emotional Problems
- Attendance History
- Experiential Background
- Siblings
- Parents
- Parental School Participation
- Transiency
- Academic Achievement
- Student's attitude about school
- Student's attitude about potential retention (need parent request)
- Student's motivation to Complete School tasks
- History of Learning Disabilities
- Estimate of Intelligence

Promotion to 9th grade: Decisions are based on GPA and teacher recommendation, referral to the middle school principal and then a referral to the Superintendent.

- In order to be promoted to high school, all 8th grade students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 for their 8th grade year. This will be earned through the grades students receive in ALL classes throughout the school year.
- If students do not meet the GPA requirement, teachers can recommend students be advanced by taking into consideration the following things: students working on IEP goals (Special Education students only), ACCESS test scoring (ELL students only), attendance, student effort, improvement throughout the course of the year, and/or state test scores.
- If a student transfers from another school district, the grades earned at their previous school will be used to determine promotion.
- If students fail to receive the GPA requirement and do not receive a teacher recommendation, then the student will be required to attend a specific summer school class for remediation. This class runs longer than the typical 2-week summer school course and will require parent transportation.