

## **PROMOTION/ACCELERATION/RETENTION**

The Board of Trustees expects students to progress through each grade within one school year. Toward this end, instruction should be designed to accommodate the variety of ways students learn and provide strategies for addressing academic deficiencies when needed.

Students shall progress through the grade levels by demonstrating growth in learning and meeting grade-level standards of expected student achievement.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)  
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)  
(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements)  
(cf. 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten)

When high academic achievement is evident, the teacher may recommend a student for acceleration into a higher grade level. The student's maturity level shall be taken into consideration in making a determination to accelerate a student.

Teachers shall identify students who should be retained or who are at risk of being detained at their current level as early as possible in the school year and as early in students' school careers as practicable. Such students shall be identified between the end of the middle school grades and the beginning of the high school grades.

Students shall be identified for retention on the basis of failure to meet minimum levels of proficiency, as indicated by grades and the following additional indicators of academic achievement:

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

If a student does not have a single regular classroom teacher, the Superintendent or designee shall specify the teacher(s) responsible for the decision to promote or retain the student. (Education Code 48070.5)

The teacher's decision to promote or retain a student may be appealed in accordance with AR 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention.

When a student is recommended for retention or is identified as being at risk for retention, the Superintendent or designee shall offer an appropriate program of remedial instruction to assist the student in meeting grade-level expectations. (Education Code 48070.5)

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)  
(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)  
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

46300 Method of computing average daily attendance

48010 Admittance to first grade

48011 Promotion/retention following one year of kindergarten

48070-48070.5 Promotion and retention

56345 Elements of individualized education plan

60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

60850-60859 Exit examination

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

200-202 Admission and exclusion of students

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

FAQs Promotion, Retention, and Grading (students with disabilities)

FAQs Pupil Promotion and Retention

Kindergarten Continuance Form

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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