

## **Promotion and Retention of Students\*\***

The Board is dedicated to total and continuous development of each student enrolled. The professional staff is expected to place students at the grade level best suited to them academically, socially and emotionally.

Students will normally progress annually from grade to grade. Exceptions may be made when, in the judgment of the professional staff, 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.

Students who cannot demonstrate proficiency in each subject area or who are not making adequate progress towards demonstrating proficiency at their grade levels, will be considered for retention. Teachers must notify the principal (who will arrange the appropriate next steps) of these students and make a recommendation to the principal concerning their promotion/retention. The principal may convene a screening committee to assess the teacher's recommendation for retention. Parents or guardians will be notified of any committee recommendations.

Parental decisions will be final but when the parents' decision is not in agreement with the school's recommendation, parents must sign a "release from responsibility" form to be placed in the student's file.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[OAR 581-022-1130](#)  
[OAR 581-022-1670](#)