

Hood River County School District

Code: **IKE**
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Promotion and Retention of Students**

It is the philosophy of the district that most students are best served in an environment with their same-age peers while developing plans to address their individual needs. The district also recognizes that in some unique circumstances, grade retention may be an appropriate consideration for students who are not achieving success in their grade placement. The district recognizes that research to date has very little to no evidence that retention has a positive effect on student outcomes, where in fact there is evidence suggesting a negative effect. Therefore, decisions to retain a child are made very carefully, sparingly, with a great deal of thought, and not until other interventions have proved ineffective. The recommendation and decision to retain always involves parent(s)/guardian(s) as a critical member of the decision making team and focuses on the best interests of the child and research on the potential effects of retention. The principal of each school shall approve or deny recommendations from the school-based team to retain a student.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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