

**Saint Helens
School District 502**

Code: **IKE**
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Orig. Code(s): IKE

Promotion and Retention of Students**

The district recognizes that promotion, retention and acceleration of students can be used as opportunities to provide for the best educational interests of students. These terms shall be defined as follows:

Definitions

1. Acceleration: Advancing a student more than one grade level;
2. Promotion: Advancing a student annually from one grade level to another;
3. Retention: Having a student remain at a grade level for a second year.
4. Acceleration and retention shall be used advisedly when special circumstances warrant.

Acceleration, retention or promotion may be recommended by teachers and/or parents. When a recommendation for acceleration or retention is made, the principal shall convene a study committee made up of the student's parent(s) or guardian(s), teacher(s) and other appropriate staff to advise the principal on the merit of the recommendation. The principal shall approve or disapprove the recommendation following a review of the student's achievement in relation to the district's content standards, and the mental, social, physical and emotional development of the child. When acceleration or retention of a student is being considered, school personnel must confer immediately with the student's parents and, in every case, prior to the close of the school year.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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