

POLICY: 500.12

## STUDENT PROMOTION AND RETENTION

A student will be promoted to the next grade level at the end of each school year based on the student's achievement, age, maturity, emotional stability, and social adjustment.

When it becomes evident a student enrolled in grades kindergarten through eight should be retained, the parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be informed. The retention of a student will be determined on the judgment of the certificated staff and the Administration, with input from the parent(s)/guardian(s).

Students enrolled in grades nine through twelve shall be informed each year of their credit requirements necessary to graduate with their class. When it becomes evident a student in these grades will be unable to meet that expectation, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be informed by District personnel. It shall be within the sole discretion of the Board to deny graduation of any student.

Students in grades kindergarten through twelve with exceptional talents may, with the permission of the principal and parents, take classes beyond their current grade level. Enrichment opportunities outside the school district may be allowed when they do not conflict with the school district's graduation requirements.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Iowa Code Chapter 280.3  
281 Iowa Admn. Code 12.3(7)

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