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### GRADE PROMOTION, RETENTION, AND ACCELERATION OF STUDENTS

At the close of the school year, the majority of students are promoted to the next grade. Occasionally, due to a confluence of factors—academic achievement, maturation, ability, and attendance, it may be recommended that a student be retained or accelerated. Acceleration and retention will be recommended when special circumstances warrant. The terms used in IKE and ~~RIE~~ are defined as follows:

Acceleration: Advancing a student more than one grade level

Promotion: Advancing a student annually from one grade level to the next

Retention: Having a student remain at the same grade level for a second year

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for the promotion, retention, and acceleration of students, and the procedures shall have the approval of the Board. These procedures shall be published in the Parent Student Handbook.

Effective communication with parents is critical to a student's success in school. The Superintendent, school administrators, and teachers are responsible for ensuring that parents are kept informed of their

4. Under State Board of Education, a regulation, the Superintendent has the authority to assign students to such classes and grade levels as needs warrant.
5. At the end of the school year, all parents will be formally notified of grade placement for the following year as identified on the final report card.

**Legal References:**

NH Code of Administrative Rules, ~~Seot~~Ed 306.14(3), Promoting Students

***Legal References Disclaimer:*** These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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