

Policy 5123: Promotion/Acceleration/Retention

Adopted Date:

The Governing Board expects students to progress through each grade level within one school year. Toward this end, instruction shall be designed to accommodate the variety of ways that students learn and provide strategies for addressing academic deficiencies as needed.

Students shall progress through the grade levels by demonstrating growth in learning and meeting grade-level standards of expected student achievement.

When high academic achievement is evident, the teacher may recommend a student for acceleration to a higher grade level. The student's maturity level shall be taken into consideration in making a determination to accelerate a student.

Teachers shall identify students who should be retained or who are at risk of being retained at their current grade level as early as possible in the school year and as early in their school careers as practicable. Such students shall be identified at the following grade levels: (Education Code 48070.5)

1. Between grades 2 and 3
2. Between grades 3 and 4
3. Between grades 4 and 5
4. Between the end of the intermediate grades and the beginning of the middle school grades
5. Between the end of the middle school grades and the beginning of the high school grades

Students shall be identified for retention on the basis of failure to meet minimum levels of proficiency.

Students between grades 2 and 3 and grades 3 and 4 shall be identified primarily on the basis of their level of proficiency in reading. Proficiency in reading, English language arts, and mathematics shall be the basis for identifying students between grades 4 and 5, between intermediate and middle school grades, and between middle school grades and high school grades. (Education Code 48070.5)

If a student does not have a single regular classroom teacher, the Superintendent or designee shall specify the teacher(s) responsible for the decision to promote or retain the student. (Education Code 48070.5)

The teacher's decision to promote or retain a student may be appealed in accordance with AR 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention.

When any student in grades 2-9 is recommended for retention or is identified as being at risk for retention, the Superintendent or designee shall offer an appropriate program of remedial instruction to assist the student in meeting grade-level expectations. (Education Code 48070.5)

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
5 CCR 200-202	Admission and exclusion of students
Ed. Code 37252-37254.1	Supplemental instruction
Ed. Code 41505-41508	Pupil Retention Block Grant
Ed. Code 46300	Method of computing average daily attendance
Ed. Code 48010	Admittance to first grade
Ed. Code 48011	Promotion/retention following one year of kindergarten
Ed. Code 48070-48070.5	Promotion and retention
Ed. Code 56345	Elements of individualized education plan
Ed. Code 60640-60649	California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress
Management Resources	Description
California Department of Education Publication	FAQs Promotion, Retention, and Grading (students with disabilities)
California Department of Education Publication	FAQs Pupil Promotion and Retention
California Department of Education Publication	Kindergarten Continuance Form
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	California Department of Education
Website	CSBA
Cross References	
Code	Description
4231	Staff Development
5020	Parent Rights And Responsibilities
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5111	Admission
5111	Admission
5121	Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement
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5125	Student Records
5125	Student Records
5125.3	Challenging Student Records
5145.6	Parent/Guardian Notifications

5145.6-E(1)	<u>Parent/Guardian Notifications</u>
5147	<u>Dropout Prevention</u>
6000	<u>Concepts And Roles</u>
6011	<u>Academic Standards</u>
6020	<u>Parent Involvement</u>
6020	<u>Parent Involvement</u>
6120	<u>Response To Instruction And Intervention</u>
6146.3	<u>Reciprocity Of Academic Credit</u>
6146.3	<u>Reciprocity Of Academic Credit</u>
6146.5	<u>Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements</u>
6162.5	<u>Student Assessment</u>
6164.5	<u>Student Success Teams</u>
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6170.1	<u>Transitional Kindergarten</u>
6172	<u>Gifted And Talented Student Program</u>
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6173.1	<u>Education For Foster Youth</u>
6173.1	<u>Education For Foster Youth</u>
6173.2	<u>Education Of Children Of Military Families</u>
6173.2	<u>Education Of Children Of Military Families</u>
6176	<u>Weekend/Saturday Classes</u>
6177	<u>Summer Learning Programs</u>
6179	<u>Supplemental Instruction</u>