

**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 IKE – R 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. Administration of policy IKE and procedures IKE-R shall be the responsibility of the building principals.

**Legal References:**

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.14(d), Promoting Students*

Replaces: POPPS 2220, Promotion of Pupils

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