

## PROMOTION OF FOURTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS

Because the promotion of students from the fourth grade to the fifth grade and from the eighth to the ninth grade is affected by law, this policy applies to such promotions. Other District policies relating to the promotion of students apply if they are not inconsistent with this policy. Beginning on September 1, 2002, no student may be promoted from the fourth grade to the fifth grade or from the eighth grade to the ninth grade unless the student satisfies the criteria for promotion in this policy.

The following criteria are to be considered in determining whether to promote a student from the fourth grade to the fifth grade or from the eighth grade to the ninth grade.

1. The student achieves a level of basic or above on three of the five areas tested on the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination. This criterion does not apply if the student has been excused from taking the examination as provided in law.
2. The student earns a passing grade in four of the five core area classes (language arts, math, reading, science and social studies).
3. The recommendation of the student's teacher(s).
4. If the above criteria are not met and it is determined that the student will be retained, successful completion of a remedial summer school class in the failed subject(s) will allow promotion to the next grade level.

It is imperative to include parents in retention discussions. Requested parent meetings will be held to solicit parental input into the remediation process of a student who has been identified for potential retention.

The building principal shall be responsible for the general supervision and management of the promotion of students under this policy and shall determine whether a student has satisfied the criteria in this policy. If a student has satisfied the criteria in this policy and the requirements of any other District policy applicable to the promotion of students, the student may be promoted from the fourth grade to the fifth grade or from the eighth grade to the ninth grade.

The District Administrator shall review and recommend District policies so that the schools of the District can help prepare students to satisfy the criteria in this policy and to otherwise implement this policy. The building principals shall develop practices to inform parents/guardians and students of the requirements of this policy and to keep parents/guardians informed of their child's academic progress.

LEGAL REF.: Section 118.33(6) Wisconsin Statutes

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