

## **IKE**

## **Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Students**

A fixed set of criteria will not be used to determine promotion from one grade or level to another, except at the middle school and senior high level. In general, the well-being of the individual pupils and the well-being of the group will be the determining factors. Upon entering the school system, placement will be determined after an examination of a student's complete record. Testing may be used, but will count as only one factor in arriving at a placement decision. After initial placement, changes may be made based on the recommendations of the professional staff.

Retention of students in grades K-5 shall be used sparingly; therefore a student will not be retained unless evidence clearly indicates that retention would be in the best interest of the student.

Although retention may be recommended by either teachers or parents, it will be assigned only with the approval of the principal, following a review of the individual case. When retention of a pupil is being considered, teachers must confer with the pupil's parents well before the end of the school year. The final decision will be made by the school principal.

Grade acceleration of students shall also be used sparingly: therefore, a student will not be accelerated past a grade level unless evidence clearly indicates that acceleration would be in the best interest of the student.

Although grade acceleration may be recommended by either teachers or parents, it will be assigned only with the approval of the superintendent, following a review of the individual case. In all cases, the Iowa Acceleration Scale process will be applied and the results will serve as the primary evidence when considering acceleration. The final decision will be made by the superintendent.

### **CREDITS-MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Students must earn 5 credits per year to continue to the next grade level. These 5 credits must include:

ENGLISH	1
SOCIAL STUDIES	1
MATHEMATICS	1
SCIENCE	1

An additional credit must be earned from elective courses and /or physical education. Students will be limited to earning no more than 2 credits in each summer school session.

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