

WAUZEKA-STEUBEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

K – 4 PROMOTION AND RETENTION

No child may be admitted to kindergarten unless s/he is five (5) years old on or before the first day of September in the year the child proposed to enter school, as specified in the statutes of Wisconsin, §118.14(1).

Once a child has entered the School District of Wauzeke-Steuben, s/he will move with his/her peer group (like-age students) proceeding through grade levels one (1) year at a time (first grade, second grade, third grade, etc.).

Exceptions to the above described child movement through one-year grade levels are:

1. Grade level retention
2. Grade level acceleration

Condition:

The child demonstrates the need to repeat the entire current grade level curriculum (retention) or the child demonstrates the academic, social, emotional, physical maturity, and skills to be moved forward a grade (acceleration).

Procedures:

1. Consideration for retention or acceleration may come from the child's parent(s)/legal guardian(s), teachers, and/or professional school personnel.
2. Once a request for retention or acceleration is made, a building consultation team (BCT) comprised of teachers and administration shall meet and discuss the merits of the request. Input from educational professionals who work with the child will be taken into consideration.
3. The BCT or the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) may request an evaluation of the child's potential to benefit from retention/acceleration. The evaluation will be conducted by a District School Psychologist and/or other appropriate pupil services staff. Input from classroom and other teachers will be considered.
4. The evaluation will consider emotional stability, academic skills, social and mental maturity, physical health, and cognitive ability.
5. After the evaluation is completed, the BCT shall reconvene to discuss the merits of the request for retention or acceleration. The BCT will attempt to agree on whether to make a recommendation for retention or acceleration. If such a recommendation is made, it will be presented to the child's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) in writing and explained to them by school personnel.
6. If the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) do not agree with the principal's recommendation, they may appeal the decision directly to the District Administrator.

If the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) do not agree with the District Administrator's decision, they may make an appeal to the School Board. The Board decision shall be considered final.

Legal References:

Cross References: Policies 345.41 Promotion of 5th and 8th Grade Students; 345.6 Graduation Requirements

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