

GRADE ADVANCEMENT: PROMOTION, RETENTION & ACCELERATION

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to state that students shall move through their educational program by reaching a standard of achievement necessary to progress from grade to grade.

II. DEFINITIONS

1. Promotion:
Promotion is the single grade step most students take from year to year.
2. Retention:
Retention allows a student to repeat all or part of a grade in order to more fully prepare for the work of the next grade.
3. Acceleration:
Acceleration is the advancement of a student by more than one grade beyond the current grade level.

III. POLICY

Promotion, retention and acceleration decisions shall be based on the extent to which a student is meeting the standards established by the State of Vermont Agency of Education, the number of credits the student has earned, as well as other relevant research-supported factors, including but not limited to social, emotional, physical and mental growth, past academic performance, behavior, motivation, and attendance.

The Dean of Academics, in consultation with the Director of Counseling, shall develop rules to implement this policy. The rules shall specify a process for determining the promotion, retention or acceleration of individual students.