

Retention Policy

The Board is dedicated to the best total and continuous development of each student enrolled in the Lowell Public Schools. In general, the District believes that it is best for a student to be placed in the grade level best suited by reason of age, ability, maturity and achievement. Some students may benefit from staying another year in the same grade – particularly in kindergarten through grade three. Seldom should retention occur after the third grade.

If it's felt that retention would benefit the student, the following procedure should be followed:

1. Parent Conferences.....November
 - A. All parents/guardians of children in grades K through 8th will have a conference in November.
 - B. "At Risk" students will be identified by the classroom teacher and a referral made to the Child Study Team for review. The teacher should inform the committee of the plan of action agreed on by the parent or guardian and the teacher. The Child Study Team will review the needs of the total child and evaluate school resources available.
2. Parent Conferences.....February
 - A. A February conference will be held for parent/guardians of "At Risk" students which were identified in November. The November plan of action will be reviewed by the teacher and parent or guardian and alternatives noted which may help alleviate the continuation of the student's problems. The teacher will inform the Child Study Team of the new plan of action.
 - B. Parent should be made aware that retention is a possibility at this conference.
3. Parent Conferences.....April
 - A. If the teacher feels that retention offers substantial benefits to the student, the following procedure is carried out.
 - a. The District Retention Form is filled out and signed by the parent/guardian.
 - b. The Retention Form is reviewed by the Child Study Team and signed by each committee member present.
 - c. If the parent/guardian does not agree to retention, the proper District Form is signed denying retention.
 - d. All forms will be completed by June 1.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

OAR 581-022-1130
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