

**Nestucca Valley  
School District 101J**

Code: **IKE**  
Adopted: 11/08/99  
Readopted: 4/11/11  
Orig. Code(s): IKE

**Promotion and Retention of Students\*\***

Students will normally progress annually from grade to grade. Exceptions may be made when, in the judgement of the professional staff, such exceptions are in the best educational interest of the students involved. Exceptions will always be made after prior notification and explanation to the student's parents/guardians.

Students in grades K-5 who cannot demonstrate proficiency in each subject area or who are not making adequate progress towards demonstrating proficiency at a given grade level will be considered for retention. Teachers must notify the principal of these students, make a recommendation to the principal concerning their promotion/retention and hold a conference with parents/guardians. Parental decisions will be final, but when the parents'/guardians' decision is not in agreement with the school's recommendation, parents/guardians must sign a "release from responsibility" form to be placed in the student's file.

Students in grades 6, 7, 8 are subject to the middle school Student Academic Support Plan. Middle school staff will follow the plan's timeline and process when making a recommendation for retention. The decision to retain a student will be made by the middle school building support team (BST). The decision to retain will be based on the student's not achieving the criteria for promotion as set forth in the Student Academic Support Plan.

The Board has established an appeals process for parents/guardians to utilize if they are dissatisfied with the decision of the BST.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[OAR 581-022-1130](#)  
[OAR 581-022-1670](#)