Washington West Supervisory Union Model Policy

Policy G9-R

G-9-R: Grade Advancement: Retention, Promotion & Acceleration of Students

Policy

It is the policy of the member district schools of the Washington West Supervisory Union: Fayston Elementary School, Harwood Union High School, Moretown Elementary School, Waitsfield Elementary School, Warren Elementary School, and Waterbury/Duxbury Union School District (Crossett Brook Middle School and Thatcher Brook Primary School) that the goal is for each student to progress in his or her educational program by reaching a standard of achievement necessary to progress from grade to grade.

Definitions

1. ***Acceleration*** is the advancement of a student by more than one grade beyond the current grade level.
2. ***Promotion*** is the single grade step most students take from year to year.
3. ***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.

Promotion, retention and acceleration decisions will be based on the extent to which a student is meeting the standards established by the State Board of Education as well as other relevant factors, including social, emotional, physical and mental growth, past academic performance, behavior, motivation, and attendance.

Implementation

The superintendent or his or her designee will develop rules to implement this policy. The rules will specify a process for determining the promotion, retention or acceleration of individual students. The superintendent has the final decision regarding the educational placement of students. The decision making regarding the acceleration, promotion, and retention of students specified in the policy will also apply to proficiency based learning standards as they are developed.

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