



PROMOTION, RETENTION, AND DEMOTION OF STUDENTS

I. Kindergarten

Students normally spend one year in kindergarten and are promoted to first grade at the end of the year. In some instances, individual students may profit by special education placement or by a second year in kindergarten. In these instances, site administrators and advisors may make this recommendation to parents or guardians. Because of Nevada School Law concerning first grade entrance age, parents' or guardians' consent is needed before this recommendation can be executed.

II. Grades 1 Through 6

- A. The general practice is that students are promoted to the next grade at the end of the school year. However, progress should be continuous and student advancement through the curriculum should be according to the student's demonstrated ability rather than the student's age or years in school. Site administrators are responsible for standard promotion of students.
- B. Double promotions may be made in exceptional circumstances in light of such factors as the child's age, achievement scores, measured ability, effort and attitude, physical and emotional maturity, and parents' or guardians' attitude and support. Site administrators are responsible for the final decision regarding double promotions within their school, but parental or guardian consent must be obtained and advisors must be consulted prior to the decision, and where the double promotion would affect two sites, the movement must be done in consultation with the receiving school's site administrator. Double promotion should not be considered where the impetus for movement is to circumvent attendance at an assigned school.
- C. A student may be demoted to the next lower grade in exceptional circumstances in light of such factors as the child's age, achievement scores, measured ability, effort and attitude, and physical and emotional maturity. Demotion must be approved by the site administrator, the sending advisor, and the parents or guardians, and when such movement affects two school sites, by the receiving school's site administrators.
- D. Before any student may be retained in the same grade rather than promoted, the student's advisor and site administrator must make a reasonable effort to arrange a meeting with the parents or guardians to discuss the reasons and circumstances. Unapproved absences of twenty (20) days or more will be one of the considerations for retention. The advisor and site administrator, in joint agreement, have the final authority to retain a student. In the absence of final agreement between advisor and site administrator, the student will not be retained. No student may be retained more than one time in the same grade.
- E. Each student's learning needs are to be assessed and provision made for these needs. Adjustment of the curriculum to meet individual student needs will be a continuous process and not a midyear or year-end consideration. Students are to be motivated to progress as rapidly as their ability permits. Advisors are to be alert to every student's social and academic needs and provide appropriate learning situations to meet them. Parents or guardians are to be informed

regularly regarding the level of work being done by their children. Advisors and site administrators are to make this clear by use of the report card and parent conferences.

III. Middle School

- A. Pupils enrolled in **Grade 6** must complete one semester with a passing grade in **Mathematics**, one semester with a passing grade in **English or Reading** and one semester with a passing grading in **Science** for promotion to Grade 7.
- B. Pupils enrolled in **Grade 7** must complete one semester with a passing grade in **Mathematics**, one semester with a passing grade in **English or Reading**, one semester with a passing grade in **Science** and one semester with a passing grade in **Social Studies** for promotion to Grade 8.
- C. Pupils enrolled in **Grade 8** must complete three semesters with a passing grade in **Mathematics**, and three semesters of a passing grade in **English or Reading**, during the seventh and eighth grade years for promotion to high school. An eighth grade student who does not meet promotion requirements may be promoted to high school on academic probation provided the student meets the criteria for academic probation. A parent or guardian may elect not to place his/her child on academic probation but to remain in Grade 8.

IV. High School Academic Probation

Although a student may be promoted to high school on academic probation, summer school credit retrieval is recommended to improve academic skills and to prepare for success in high school. Successful completion of required summer school courses may remove a student from academic probation. Explore Knowledge Academy does not offer summer school courses, but students can take courses through Clark County School District and transfer credits to Explore Knowledge Academy. Please check with Clark County School District for summer school opportunities and offerings.

- An eighth grade student who has not met the promotion requirements may be promoted to the ninth grade on academic probation provided at least one of the following criteria has been met:
 1. Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) scores meet or exceed standards in the area(s) of credit deficiency; or
 2. Credits have been earned in the core area(s): English or reading, mathematics, science, and social studies; however, the student is deficient in one semester of the five total required for promotion; or
 3. A student reaches the age of sixteen before, on, or after the first day of the school.
- High School Academic Probation will consist of the appropriate remediation in the subject area(s) in which the student failed to pass in middle school. Remediation may include, but is not limited to a minimum of one semester of remedial instruction in the deficient subject area(s) during the ninth grade year. The student must earn a passing grade in the remediation course(s) in order to be removed from academic probation. A student may be placed on academic probation for more than one semester.

An eighth grade student ***not meeting criteria for promotion to ninth grade and not meeting the criteria for academic probation*** may be retained in the eighth grade for the following school year.

A retained eighth grade student may not be promoted mid-year.