

EUREKA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTRETENTION POLICY

The Eureka County School Board of Trustees recognizes that retention of students is not always successful or the best solution for underachievers. However, retention has been and will continue to be used as a form of remediation. Therefore, be it resolved that the following be established as the retention policy for the Eureka County School District.

1. Retentions from Kindergarten through grade six are permissible. Whenever possible, retentions should be limited to grades K through five. Alternatives to retentions should be pursued in grades six through eight before retention is implemented.
2. When retention is being considered, all of the following must apply:
 - a) Teacher's, specialists and administrator's recommendation.
 - b) Student's classroom performance.
 - c) Academic grades
 - d) Chronological age and maturity.
 - e) Student ability.
 - f) Available test material including achievement and competency tests.
 - g) Placement committee's recommendations.
 - h) Parental involvement.
3. In cases when all parties concerned, except parents, agree that a child should be retained the district would have the authority to make the final decision. Parents may appeal the decision to a board appointed by the Superintendent. The Director of Special Education services would head the board.
4. State requirements would take precedence.
5. A procedure for implementing the policy would be developed by the Superintendent.
6. In order to reduce retentions, the following should be considered:
 - a) New students coming into the district would be placed in the grade recommended by this previous school. Students below the grade level should be referred for possible remediation.
 - b) Parental conferences for students in grades Kindergarten through twelfth grade should be encouraged on a need basis.
 - c) Development of programs designed to remediate special problems.

ADOPTED:

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