

Principals with the assistance of teachers shall determine all grade placements of pupils. The principal shall make room assignments.

The Board acknowledges that the awarding of marks, re-testing and decisions relative to promotion or retention of students is a responsibility of the teacher. It is the Board's policy to support its professional staff in this professional duty. The board relies on professional staff to make all such decisions in the best interests of the children. However, the Board considers it important that parents be consulted and informed at an early date when retention is advisable.

Principals and teachers shall comply with the procedures in NMSA 1978, § 22-2C-6 regarding parent notification and remediation when making promotion and retention decisions. In the case of a parent's refusal to allow a student to be retained in grades K-8, the parent must execute the Parent Consent form.

All students who meet academic requirements and do not have attendance concerns will be promoted to the next grade level.

To determine the classification of student's grade level, the student must successfully pass the course work to receive credit. The following guidelines are utilized for classification at the high school:

- The class of 2013 and subsequent years will require 26 credits to graduate

Students are grade classified based upon number of credits earned; must meet criteria for successfully completing credits; and pass the New Mexico High School Competency Exam as required by the New Mexico State Department of Education. Students who do not pass portions of the exam only need to retake those sections to meet graduation requirements.