

Administrative Procedure 7060

Grade Placement: Kindergarten to Grade 7

The Board of Education supports educational practices that are guided by the Principles of Learning as defined by the Ministry of Education:

- learning occurs in varying ways and at different rates;
- learning is both an individual and social process, and
- learning requires the active participation of the learner.

The placement of a child in an educational program is the responsibility of the school principal (School Regulation B.C. Reg. 265/89). When deciding on the appropriate educational placement for children in the elementary years (K-7), principals normally place students in age-appropriate classes. In the very rare occasion where retention (holding back a grade) or acceleration (skipping a grade) is considered, a thoughtful, collaborative process shall occur which includes parents, appropriate school staff, and district staff.

In addition, where retention or acceleration is not the outcome of such a rare consideration, the placement shall be in an age-appropriate class with interventions, where the interventions are clear to the parents of the child and to the teachers who are responsible for educating the child. As with the collaboration on retention or acceleration, the interventions should emerge from group consultations.