

## Cottonwood Joint School District No. 242

### INSTRUCTION

2600

#### Promotion/Retention

The Board recognizes that students of the same age are at many intellectual and developmental levels and that these differences are a normal part of human development. Because of these differences, the administration and teaching staff are directed to make every effort to develop curricula and programs which meet the individual and unique needs of all students and allow them to remain with their age cohorts.

It is the philosophy of the District that students thrive best when placed or promoted to grade levels with other students who have compatible age, physical, and social/emotional status. It is our philosophy to promote students who demonstrate effort within those compatibilities. It is equally our philosophy and practice to retain students who do not make a reasonable effort to meet grade level expectations, as long as those expectations are commensurate with the individual student's ability and rate of learning.

Promotion of students in grades K through 8 will be made if the student has satisfactorily completed those classes which are necessary for advancement to a higher grade, providing the student has met attendance requirements. Promotion will be made only at the end of the school year.

Retention may be considered if a child is not sufficiently mature, socially, emotionally, mentally or physically. The final decision shall be made by the school personnel concerned after consultation with parents. As far as possible, necessary retention shall be accomplished before the child leaves the primary grades. Whenever possible and advisable, the child shall be assigned a different teacher when repeating a grade. A child may be retained only once in any given grade.

All retentions must be approved by the superintendent. A review of the retained pupil's progress shall be made the following year.

If a parent insists on the child being retained or promoted, a notice will be placed in the child's file that the retention or promotion was a parent decision and not recommended by the school.

#### Policy History:

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