

**SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY G4**

**GRADE ADVANCEMENT:
RETENTION, PROMOTION AND ACCELERATION OF STUDENTS**

POLICY

A goal of the South Burlington School District is for each student to progress in his or her educational program by reaching a standard of achievement necessary to progress from grade to grade. This policy applies to grade acceleration, retention and promotion in grades K through 8. Advancement in grades 9-12 will be based on successful progression toward completion of high school graduation requirements.

DEFINITIONS

Acceleration is the advancement of a student by more than one grade beyond the current grade level.

Promotion is the single grade step most students take from year to year.

Retention allows a student to repeat all or part of a grade in order to more fully prepare for the work of the next grade.

Promotion, retention and acceleration decisions will be based on the extent to which a student is meeting the standards established by the Vermont Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities as well as other relevant factors, including social, emotional, physical and mental growth, past academic performance, behavior, motivation, and attendance.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent will develop rules to implement this policy that will specify a process for determining the promotion, retention or acceleration of individual students.

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