

Series 5000: Students, Curriculum, and Academic Matters

5400 Curriculum, Instruction, and Parent/Guardian Involvement

5411 Student Promotion, Retention, and Placement

The District has the sole discretion to make promotion, retention, and placement decisions for its students, consistent with state and federal law. The District may consider parent/guardian requests that a student be placed in a particular classroom, building, educational program, or grade.

A. Student Promotion and Retention

The building principal will attempt to consult with a student's parent/guardian before deciding to retain a student, advance a student to the next grade mid-year, or allow a student to skip a grade level. If the parent/guardian disagrees with the building principal's decision about promotion or retention, the Superintendent or designee will make the final decision.

B. Student Placement

The Superintendent or designee will determine a student's classroom and building placement based on District needs, available space, and educational expertise, consistent with state and federal law. The District's placement decision is final. Nothing in this section may be construed to limit or modify rights under state or federal laws applicable to students with disabilities, including the right to have placement decisions made by an IEP or Section 504 Team.

C. Intradistrict Choice

A student who is the victim of a violent criminal offense at school may transfer to another public school in the District, if available. A student who attends a Title I school in the District that has not made adequate yearly progress as defined by state and federal law for 2 or more consecutive years or who is attending a persistently dangerous school may transfer to another public school in the District, if available. The Superintendent or designee will notify parents/guardians if their student is eligible to transfer under this Policy.

This Policy incorporates the definitions for "violent criminal offense" and "persistently dangerous school" contained in the Michigan State Board of Education's Statewide Safe School Choice Policy.

D. Nontraditional Programs

The District may operate nontraditional programs to meet the needs of all students. Nontraditional programs may include alternative education or virtual settings. The building principal or designee will attempt to consult with a student's parent/guardian before finalizing a decision to move a student to a nontraditional program. If the parent/guardian disagrees with the building principal's or designee's decision, the Superintendent or designee will make the final decision.

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E. Reserved

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