



# Policy: Retention and Acceleration of Students

## Purpose

The Superior North Catholic District School Board believes in age appropriate grade placement for all students and that only in extraordinary circumstances should a student be retained or accelerated. The purpose of this policy is to provide direction to parents/guardians, Principals/Vice-Principals and other staff who would be involved in either a retention or acceleration decision.

## Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Superior North Catholic District School Board to endorse the concept of age appropriate grade placements for all students and to approve retention or acceleration only in extraordinary circumstances, taking factors into account such as the student's emotional and social development, self-esteem, academic performance and achievement history.

## Parameters

It is the legal right and responsibility of the school Principal/Vice-Principal to determine the grade placement for each student in the school.

The initial placement of all students shall be in the age appropriate grade.

Before retention can be considered, a student shall have attended the school for a minimum of one reporting school year.

Before acceleration can be considered, a student shall have attended the school for a minimum of one reporting term/semester.

