

SUPERIOR NORTH CATHOLIC district school board

Policy: PROMOTION**Effective: April, 2000****Policy Statement:**

The Superior North Catholic District School Board believes in promotion and age-appropriate placement for each learner in school. The Education Act states that, subject to the approval of the Superintendent/Director, the responsibility of the Principal is to “promote” students.

In every case where retention or acceleration is being considered, the primary concern must be the emotional, social and academic optimum interest of the learner. Each situation will be considered, individually because each child learns differently and has a unique learning style.

Educational research states that grade retention almost uniformly is negative.

Any decision regarding placement of the learner should be a collaborative decision involving the parent/guardian, the learner and appropriate school personnel.

In cases of unresolved agreement between parent/guardian and school staff, as well as the advice to retain, requires the involvement of the Director for a final decision.