

## *Homeschool Placement & Retention*

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The Governance Council recognizes that the personal, social, physical, and educational growth of children will vary and that they should be placed in the educational setting most appropriate to their needs at the various stages of their growth.

It shall be the policy of the Governance Council that each student be moved forward in a continuous pattern of achievement and growth that is in harmony with his/her own development.

Such pattern should coincide with the system of grade levels established by this Governance Council and the instructional objectives established for each.

A student will be promoted to the succeeding grade level when s/he has:

- A. in the opinion of the professional staff, achieved the instructional objectives set for the present grade;
- B. demonstrated sufficient proficiency to permit him/her to move ahead in the educational program of the next grade;
- C. demonstrated the degree of social, emotional, and physical maturation necessary for a successful learning experience in the next grade.

The Administrator shall develop guidelines for promotion, placement, and retention of students.

### **First Grade**

A child must be six (6) years of age on or before September 1st in the year in which s/he enrolls. A student must have completed a kindergarten program or must receive a waiver of this requirement.

Any student who has not completed a five (5) year old kindergarten program, but seeks to enroll into first grade must receive a waiver of the requirement. The following students are eligible to receive a waiver:

- o Any student who has moved to the District from another state or country where completion of a five (5) year old kindergarten program is a prerequisite to enrollment in first grade and that student has received a waiver of the requirement in his or her prior state or country.

- o Any student who has moved to the District from another state or country that does not require the completion of five (5) year old kindergarten prior to enrollment in first grade.
  
- o Any student who, at the discretion of the Administrator, in consultation with the first grade teacher(s) of the ROLES, determines that, notwithstanding that the student has not completed a five (5) year old kindergarten program, the student has demonstrated sufficient aptitude in all core competencies normally required of kindergarten students in the District upon completion of the kindergarten program.

The Administrator shall perform any required testing to establish the student’s academic capabilities and shall prepare a written evaluation that either grants or denies the waiver and provides an explanation as to the decision.

### **Appeal of Denial of Waiver**

The parents of any student denied a waiver under this section by the Administrator may appeal that decision to the Administrator by submitting a written request to the Governance Council within ten (10) calendar days of the decision of the Administrator.

The decision of the Governance Council is final.

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