

PROMOTION AND RETENTION POLICY

Promotion is the action that advances a student from one grade to the next. Retention is the action that keeps a student in the same grade for another year.

When making recommendations about promotion or retention of students, the teacher will consider the viewpoints of the parents, support staff and the Principal. Parents are notified regarding the possibility of retention as soon as the teacher may consider such an action. The factors determining retention usually surface early into the second semester. The decision to promote or retain students always takes many factors into consideration and may include: student attendance, grades, daily work habits and achievement, physical and social maturity, grade level expectations and student ability.

Good Tree Academy policy does not allow "double promotion" or underage promotion.

Minimum attendance required for promotion in all grades is 95% of the school year.

Absences will be considered of prime importance in the decision to retain borderline students.

Six unexcused tardies are counted as one unexcused absence.

Students will be promoted if, in the judgment of the teacher, satisfactory academic, social and behavioral progress has been made during the current school year that would predict success in the following grade. A failing grade in any major subject may result in a student being retained.

By the middle of the second semester, the parents of students who are in jeopardy of being retained will be notified and a conference will be conducted. The decision to retain a student will be made in consultation between the teachers, principal and parents. A letter stating possible retention will be sent home. In some borderline cases, promotion may be granted upon satisfactory completion of additional summer school or tutoring.

GRADE FINAL REPORT CARD

Parent's signature for each interim report or end of any marking period report card signifies acknowledgement of grades received and compliance with ALL policies concerning attendance, retention, promotion and summer work.

Please note: Any report card questions or concerns must be addressed in writing by June 30 of the related year.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

Any student who does not maintain the school's minimum standard of academic achievement (in other words, falls below "satisfactory" in two or more major subjects)--will be placed on academic probation for a period of one marking period. During this time, the student has the opportunity to demonstrate reasonable improvement in his/her academic performance.

Any serious neglect or deficiency in academic performance during this period may be sufficient grounds for removing a student from the school; to be determined at the discretion of the school administration.

Students who fail any STAAR test will also be placed on academic probation and expected to do summer work, especially since STAAR results are available in June.