

# ADDISON NORTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY

SECTION: INSTRUCTION

CODE: D2

TITLE: GRADE ADVANCEMENT: RETENTION, PROMOTION & ACCELERATION OF STUDENTS

## Policy

A goal of the Addison Northwest School District is for each student to progress in his or her educational program by reaching a standard of achievement necessary to progress in from grade to grade.

## Definitions

1. **Acceleration** is the advancement of a student by more than one grade beyond the current grade level.
2. **Promotion** is the single grade step most students take from year to year.
3. **Retention** allows a student to repeat all or part of a grade in order to more fully prepare for the work of the next grade.

Promotion, retention and acceleration decisions will be based on the extent to which a student is meeting the standards established by the Vermont Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities as well as other relevant factors, including social, emotional, physical and mental growth, past academic performance, behavior, motivation, and attendance.

## Implementation

The Superintendent or his or her designee will develop rules to implement this policy. The rules will specify a process for determining the promotion, retention or acceleration of individual students.

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*Legal Reference(s):* VT State Board of Education Manual of Rules & Practices: §2120.2.2 (d)

*Cross Reference:*