## Banks School District 13

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## Student Retention

The District is dedicated to the total and continuous development of each student enrolled in the District. We also believe, based on research and best-practice that students are best served by promotion each year with their peer group while teachers useresearch-based, data driven principles to meet the unique needs of all learners. The District encourages schools and parents to seek alternative interventions to retention that more effectively address the specific instructional and behavioral needs of students.

Though the practice of grade retention has not been well supported in research, we also recognize that in certain rare or unusual circumstances grade retention is necessary. This decision shall not be taken lightly and will require documentation of concerns and rationale for such decision. The final decision about retention will be the responsibility of the principal.

Additionally, The District would not support a retention request or recommendation for a student beyond 6<sup>th</sup> grade unless the student has experienced an acute medical or health event that has prevented him/her from benefiting from the current school year, and data indicates the student would not be successful in the next school year due to this event.

END OF POLICY

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