

East Central ISD #2580

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530 – ELEMENTARY RETENTION

Retention is sometimes considered as an option for students who are not meeting academic performance expectations. The East Central Elementary School recognizes that while, in general, retention does not produce long term solutions to a student's lack of academic progress, there are instances where retention is effective.

The best candidates for retention include students who are relatively young as compared to their classmates, are smaller size than their classmates, have average academic skills, have missed a considerable amount of school, and have parents who support retention.

Each student will be considered for retention on an individual basis. Parents need to be informed early of the concerns with the students lack of progress as described by the following:

Timelines

No later the March 1: The teacher brings the student's name to the Problem Solving Team for assistance with development of interventions to address the student's needs. The teacher informs the parents of the concerns with the student's performance.

The PST bring student's name to the SST (student support team) for discussion regarding intervention results and/or possible retention. The SST will determine if there is a need for a special education assessment. The teacher is provided information on retention (see attached information) and completes the Light's Retention Scale. Parents are contacted with regard to the intervention results and initial discussion or retention.

The SST (including the child's teacher) reviews data collected by the teacher and determines if enough data is available to make a decision. The teacher contacts parents regarding discussion of possible retention.

The school (SST including the child's teacher) makes a decision to retain the student. The principal sends a letter to the parents (see Attached) informing them of the school's decision to retain and process they may employ should they disagree with the school's decision.

If parents object to the school's decision to have their child retained they may have the opportunity to schedule a conference with the East Central Elementary School Principal, the child's teacher, and other involved staff no later than May 15.

If, as a result of the conference, the student still is considered as a candidate for retention and the parents continue to disagree, they may contact the East Central School Superintendent regarding possible school board involvement.

