

Promotion and Retention Policy 3.300

The Background:

The promotion and retention policy provides local education agencies (LEAs) with guidelines for students in grades kindergarten through eight (K-8). The current policy does not address the need for students to progress toward and meet the expectations of the State Board of Education-approved Tennessee Academic Standards. This minor revision to the language of the policy is intended to draw attention to the need for LEAs to maintain high expectations for all students while providing those students considered for retention with high-quality, research-based intervention programs and services to meet grade-level expectations. Additionally, this item proposes a parent notification requirement if a student is not reading on grade level in grades kindergarten through three (K-3).

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends acceptance of this item on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.