



Terrell Independent School District

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RE: Parents May Elect to Have Their Child Restart Kindergarten or Repeat a Course or Grade - ACTION REQUIRED

The Texas Legislature has given parents new rights to make this decision for the upcoming school year. The decision as to whether your child needs to repeat course or grade is your decision to make as a parent.

Any parent/guardian who believes his or her child would benefit from repeating a course or grade now has the right to make this decision, but you must act quickly. If parents/guardians decide that it is best for their child to repeat a grade or course, they must inform their campus principal in writing BEFORE the start of the upcoming school year. The first day of school for Terrell ISD is August 11, 2021.

Campus leadership may disagree with a parent/guardian who elects to have their child retake a grade level or course. If a school disagrees, they will convene a retention committee and parents must participate in the meeting to discuss the child's retention. The retention committee will discuss the merits of and concerns about advancement or retention and review and consider the following:

- Student's grade in each subject or course
- Results of any formative or summative assessments administered to the student
- Any other available academic information to determine the student's academic readiness for the next grade or a given course

After the parent/guardian has participated in the retention committee meeting, the parent will decide if the student should be retained. The school will then abide by the parent/guardian's final decision.

For students in grade 4 and above this option exists only for the 2021-22 school year, but for Pre-K through grade 3 the option is permanent.

To support parents in making the best decision for their child can be found on a new TEA webpage:

<http://www.tea.texas.gov/parents>, <https://tea.texas.gov/repeatgrade>, <https://tea.texas.gov/restartkinder>