



Fresno Unified School District

No Student Retention During Distance Learning (Covid)

Every year, the decision to retain or hold back a student at their current grade level is made on an individual basis. Students who may have been identified to remain in their current grade level will be promoted to the next grade level during the 20/21 school year with assessment-based intervention and support.

Our Commitment:

- We believe all students can and will succeed.
- We do not support a policy which promotes a belief that a student will fail in the future.
- We are dedicated to developing plans to fast-track our students, especially those furthest behind by continuing to plan creative approaches to help students be successful.

How will my child be successful next year?

We value your input and want to work together with you to develop in your child the skills needed to continue through difficulty, to learn from mistakes and to be and feel successful. Attendance is the key and we need your help in making sure your child is at school daily to receive their academic support. Those supports are planned by testing for the student's knowledge of the content they are being taught this year and their readiness to tackle next year's content. We review these goals with you throughout the school year to make sure your student is staying on track for success.

What if I (Parent/Guardian) disagree with the No Retention During Covid Policy?

Only a parent or guardian may appeal the decision to promote their child. However, before making your appeal please consider this information:

- Research shows grade retention is one of the most powerful predictors of high school dropout.
- Retaining children does not produce higher achievement, actually the opposite is true, students are more likely to experience problems such as poor interactions with peers, disliking school, behavior problems and lower self-esteem.

If you choose to appeal the decision please complete an Appeal Form which is available at this link. [Link to Appeal forms in English, Spanish and Hmong](#). On the form it is important that you list the convincing reasons that an additional year at this grade level is important to your child's academic success and return it to your child's school for processing. A Final decision will come from the School Leadership Department.