



WOODLAND ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

REPETITION POLICY

(Updated 2009)

Throughout the school year, it is our duty as teachers to closely monitor our students' progress in order to provide them with the best possible available resources and programs of work most suited to their needs.

As a part of this ongoing process, consideration has to be given to the appropriateness of student grade placement. If it is considered that a child may benefit from repetition the following criteria will be used:

1. Student is age appropriate to repeat.
2. Student has average/above average IQ and is not achieving stage outcomes.
3. Student has missed a large portion of their schooling due to illness or overseas travel.
4. Student is socially and/or emotionally immature and this is impacting on their learning.
5. Student has received early intervention support such as speech therapy.

It should be noted that:

1. Repetition of students should occur in the earliest grade level possible, once the appropriate assessments have been made.
2. Research literature shows that **few** children benefit from repetition, particularly when subjected to the same course work.
3. Assessment of students' maturity and academic achievement must be carefully made through the use of objective evaluation and appropriate personnel.
4. No decisions concerning the repetition of students are to be made before the details are discussed with the child's former Teachers, Team Leaders, School Counsellor, Principal and Parents.
5. The deciding factor must, as always, be whether such a step is going to benefit the child.
6. Before a final decision is made the impact of the repetition on the student's eligibility for support programs, such as Reading Recovery, should be identified and discussed with the parents.
7. All special programs the child has been offered should be noted in the Referral Form for discussion, e.g. Reading Recovery, Learning Support, PLP's etc
8. Referrals for placement in Special Education classes will follow normal procedures.
9. NO child will be repeated without **the full agreement of the Parents and the Principal.**
10. After a decision is made to repeat/not repeat a student, the decision will be recorded on the proforma letter included in this policy.

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REPETITION PROCEDURES

1. Teacher discusses student with Team Leader.
2. Teacher completes referral form for Learning Support Team (LST) if student has not already been referred.
3. Teacher completes Counsellor Referral Form if advised by the Learning and Support Team.
4. **Counsellor** conducts appropriate testing.
5. Repetition raised as a possible option at the Term 2, Parent-Teacher Interview. Team Leader must be involved in the interview.
6. **Repetition Meeting:** Teacher, Team Leader, Counsellor, Principal, child's previous teachers meet to discuss the possibility of repetition.
7. Meeting with Parents, Teacher, Team Leader, School Counsellor* and Principal* (if repetition is recommended) preferably early Term 4. (*if appropriate.)
8. Continued monitoring of student's progress.
9. Final meeting with Parents late November.
10. Decision of Parents and Principal recorded on the letter included with this policy.
11. Team leader arranges appropriate placement for the following year.

N.B. Same procedure needs to be followed if repeat request originates from parent.

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REPETITION REFERRAL FORM

1. Name of child _____ 2. Class _____

3. D.O.B. _____

4. (a) Class Teacher's reason for Referral.

(b) Specific comments on:

[1] Reading/Language Development

[2] Numeracy

[3] Social/Emotional Adjustment

(c) Intervention attempted to date: _____

5. Discussion with Team Leader.

Supervisor's comments and suggested course of action.

6. Counsellor's Report and Recommendation. (see attached documentation)

7. School Repetition Meeting:

[i] Date: _____

[ii] Recommendation:

8. Meetings with Parents: Date: _____

9. Parents decision, in writing. (see attached)

WOODLAND ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL REPETITION NOTIFICATION

Meeting Date: _____

Present: Parents: _____

Principal: _____

Counsellor: _____

Team Leader: _____

Teacher: _____

Today a decision has been made to:

Repeat _____

Not to repeat _____

Reasons for this decision:

Considerations for class placement in the following year:

Signed: _____ Principal

_____ Parent

Copy to be placed in student folder.