

Promotion/Retention Policies

Grade 4

A student may not be promoted to the 5th grade until he or she has scored at or above the *Basic* achievement level on either the English Language Arts or Mathematics component on the 4th grade LEAP and at the *Approaching Basic* achievement level on the other.

The decision to retain a student in the 4th grade more than once as a result of his/her failure to achieve the *Basic/Approaching Basic* combination on the English Language Arts and Mathematics components of LEAP shall be made by the LEA in accordance with the local Pupil Progression Plan which shall include the following:

- A student who **has repeated** the 4th grade may be promoted to only the 5th grade. A district may apply for a waiver from this part of the policy if their specific plan is presented to the Department of Education, and the State Superintendent of Education approves it.
- However, a student who **has repeated** the 4th grade and who is 12 years old on or before September 30th may be promoted according to the local Pupil Progression Plan.

After the summer retest, a school system, through its superintendent, may consider granting an appeal on behalf of individual students, provided that all of the following criteria have been met:

- The student's highest score in English Language Arts and/or Mathematics on either the spring or summer LEAP must fall within twenty (20) scaled score points of the cutoff score for *Basic*.
- The student shall have a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in the subject(s) for which the appeal is being considered.
- The student must have attended the LEAP summer remediation program.
- The student must have taken the LEAP retest given after the LEAP summer remediation program has been concluded.
- The student must have met State-mandated attendance regulations during the regular school year and any locally mandated regulations during the summer remediation program.
- The principal and the School Building Level Committee (SBLC) must review student work samples and attest that the student exhibits the ability to perform at or above the *Basic* achievement level in the subject for which the appeal is being considered.

LEAP Testing

- Students retained in the 4th grade shall retake all four components of LEAP.