

Promotion/Retention Policies

Grade 8

A student may not be promoted to the 9th 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 8th grade LEAP and at the *Approaching Basic* achievement level on the other.

After the summer retest, a school system, through its superintendent, may consider a waiver for an 8th grade student who has scored at the *Approaching Basic* level on both the English Language Arts and Mathematics components of LEAP. The LEA may grant the waiver in accordance with the local Pupil Progression Plan provided the following criteria are met:

- The student may be promoted to the 9th grade, provided that he or she has scored at the *Approaching Basic* level on **both** the English Language Arts and Mathematics components of LEAP, has attended the LEAP summer remediation program offered by the District, and has taken the summer retest administered at the conclusion of the summer program.
- The student must retake the component(s) (English Language Arts and/or Mathematics) of the retest on which a score of *Approaching Basic* or below was attained on the spring test.

The student who has repeated the 8th grade may be either

- 1) Retained again in the 8th grade.
- 2) Promoted to the 9th grade, provided that the student has scored at the *Approaching Basic* level on **either** the English Language Arts or Mathematics component of LEAP, has attended the current year LEAP summer remediation program offered by the District in, at a minimum, the *Unsatisfactory* subject, and has taken the summer retest administered at the conclusion of the summer program. **If promoted with an *Unsatisfactory* on the English Language Arts or Mathematics component of LEAP, the student must enroll in and pass a high school remedial course in the *unsatisfactory* subject (English language arts or mathematics) before enrolling in or earning Carnegie credit for English or mathematics.**
or
- 3) Placed in the Pre-GED/Skills Options Program that shall be available to students who meet criteria as outlined in *Bulletin 741: Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, §2907.

LEAP Testing

- Students repeating the 8th grade will retake all four components of LEAP.
- Students in the Pre-GED/Skills Options Program will take the 9th grade LEAP.