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Please read the following about grading criteria that is in the handbook. This is how we decide if your child meets the criteria to be retained.

**Kindergarten:** To be promoted to grade 1, a kindergarten student should meet at least 2 of the 3 following criteria.

- Demonstrate mastery of literacy and numeracy standards/skills as delineated in the Alabama English language arts and Mathematics Courses of Study for Kindergarten students as documented on the student's nine-weeks report card
- Attain grade level or sufficient growth status as established by the universal screening instruments for foundational literacy and numeracy skills.
- Attain an attendance record in which a student does not exceed more than 10 unexcused absences for the academic year.

**Grade 1-2:** To be promoted to the next grade level, a student should meet at least 2 out of the 3 following criteria.

- Demonstrate mastery of literacy and numeracy standards/skills as delineated in the Alabama Courses of Study for the student's assigned grade level by maintaining a 70 and above average in each of the following subject areas: reading/English language arts and math.
- Attain grade level or sufficient growth status as established by the universal screening instruments for foundational literacy and numeracy skills.
- Attain an attendance record in which a student does not exceed more than 10 unexcused absences for the academic year.

**Grade 3:** To be promoted to the next grade level, a student should meet at least 3 out of the 4 following criteria.

- Demonstrate mastery of literacy and numeracy standards/skills as delineated in the Alabama Courses of Study for the student's assigned grade level by maintaining a 60 and above average in each of the following subject areas: reading/English language arts and math.
- Attain grade level or sufficient growth status as established by the universal screening instruments for foundational literacy and numeracy skills.
- Obtain a passing score on the end-of-year reading test as determined by the State Department of Education in relation to the Alabama Literacy Act.
- Attain an attendance record in which a student does not exceed more than 10 unexcused absences for the academic year.

**Grades 4-6:** To be promoted to the next grade level, a student should meet at least 2 out of the 3 following criteria.

- Demonstrate mastery of literacy, numeracy, science, and social studies standards/skills as delineated in the Alabama Courses of Study for the student's assigned grade level by maintaining a 60 and above average in each of the following subject areas: reading/English language arts, math, science, and social studies.
- Attain grade level or sufficient growth status as established by the universal screening instruments for foundational literacy and numeracy skills. 27
- Attain an attendance record in which a student does not exceed more than 10 unexcused absences for the academic year.

Sincerely,