Grade level and group assignments, including promotion and retention, shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent and shall be made in the best interests of the individual student subject to parent(s)/guardian(s) involvement in accordance with law.

Students will normally progress annually from grade to grade. However, exceptions may be recommended when, in the judgment of the professional staff, and after consultation with parent(s)/guardian(s), such exceptions are in the best interests of the individual student involved and retention is indicated.

Approved: June 29, 2009
LEGAL REF: MCL 380.10

---

380.10 Rights of parents and legal guardians; duties of public schools. Sec. 10.
It is the natural, fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education of their children. The public schools of this state serve the needs of the pupils by cooperating with the pupil's parents and legal guardians to develop the pupil's intellectual capabilities and vocational skills in a safe and positive environment. **History:** Add. 1995, Act 289, Eff. July 1, 1996. **Popular Name:** Act 451

Grand Rapids Public Schools