

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Deputy Superintendent

Information for the Parent or Guardian of a Grade 8 Student with Two or More Fs

Board Action

On January 23, 2007, the Board acted to: "retain eighth-grade students with two or more Fs in core subjects (i.e., English, Mathematics, History/Social Science, and/or Science) beginning this school year, 2006-07. Parents will have the right to decline that their child be retained, but the student will then be assigned to the Ninth-Grade Intervention Program at the high school."

Description of the New Policy in Practice

Below is a description of how the new policy will look in practice:

I. Retention Guidelines—Grade 8

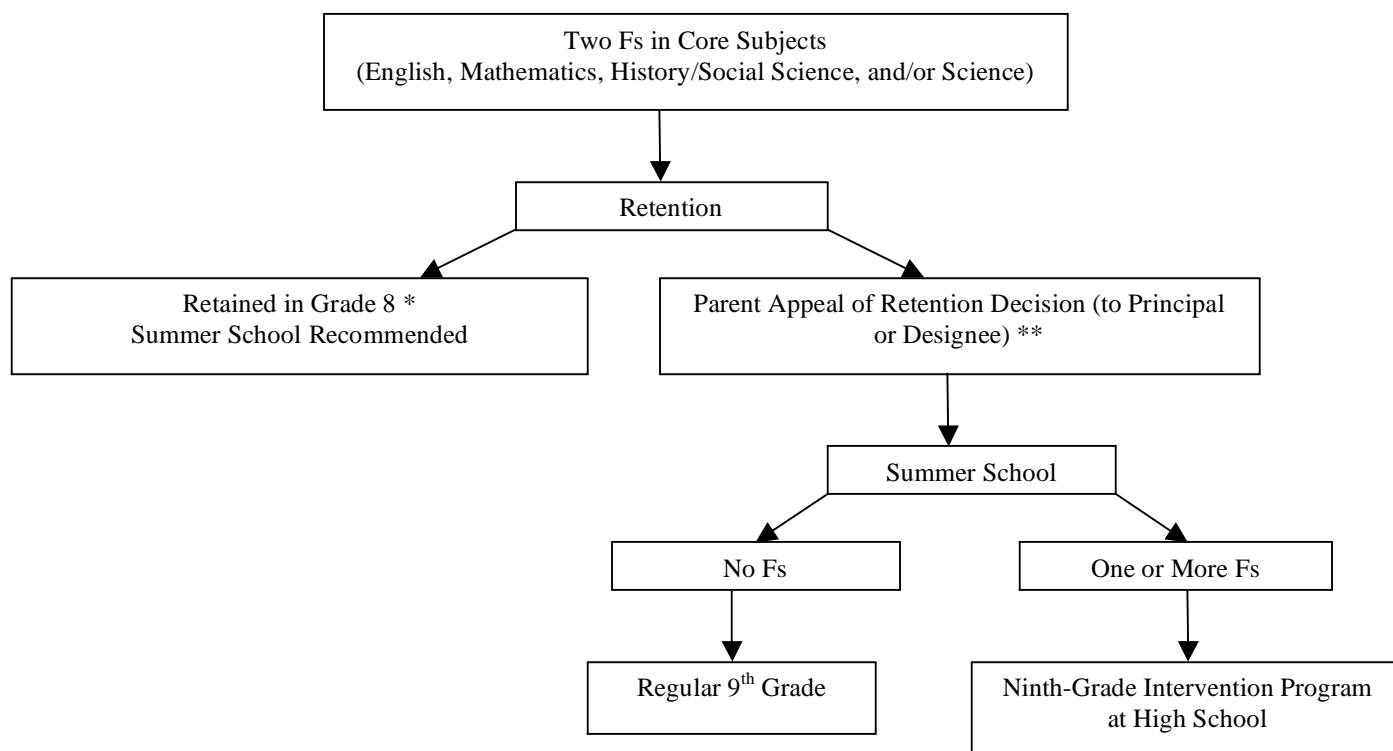
Eighth-grade students with two or more Fs in core subjects (English, Mathematics, History/Social Science, and/or Science) at the end of the school year, 2006-2007, will be retained. (For schools on block schedule, the first semester grades would count toward the "two or more Fs.") Parents can indicate agreement to the retention decision on the "Decision to Retain or Promote Form – Grade 8". The "Decision to Retain or Promote" form will also show the recommendation that all retained students attend summer school.

II. Retention Appeal

Parents who decline the retention decision may submit an appeal. The appeal would be made on the "Decision to Retain or Promote" form and submitted to the school principal or designee for approval.

All students not retained under the parent appeal process will be required to attend summer school. At the conclusion of summer school:

- Students with no Fs will be promoted to the Grade 9 regular program.
- Students with one or more Fs will be placed in the Ninth-Grade Intervention Program.



* Parents will indicate their agreement to the retention decision on the "Decision to Retain or Promote" form.

** Parents will indicate their appeal of the retention decision on the "Decision to Retain or Promote" form.