

# Senate Bill 1697: Parental Option for Student Retention



The State Legislature is allowing you to make an informed decision on what is in the best interest of your child considering how the previous school year was disrupted due to COVID-19. The recently passed Senate Bill 1697 which allows options for parents in deciding retention for their child that meet the criteria below. Please contact your campus principal should you decide to take advantage of these options.

## Parental Options for Student Retention

- repeat prekindergarten;
- enroll in prekindergarten if the child was eligible to enroll in prekindergarten in the previous school year, under TEC, §29.153(b), and has not yet enrolled in kindergarten;
- repeat kindergarten;
- enroll in kindergarten if the child would have enrolled in kindergarten in the previous school year and has not yet enrolled in first grade;
- for grades one through three, repeat the grade the student was enrolled in the previous school year;
- for grades four through eight, repeat the grade the student was enrolled in during the 2020-2021 school year; and
- for courses taken for high school credit, repeat any course in which the student was enrolled during the 2020-2021 school year