

**Students**

**2021-22 Supplemental Retention Policy**

The Governing Board requires that, for the 2021-22 academic year, Mendocino Unified School District shall implement a supplemental policy regarding the retention of pupils who, in the 2020-21 academic year, received deficient grades, as specified, for at least half of the pupil's coursework, except for pupils enrolled in grade 12 during the 2020-21 academic year.

The District shall within 30 calendar days of receiving a written retention consultation request from a parent, conduct the consultation with the parent, the pupil, the administrator, and a teacher. The consultation shall include a discussion of all available learning recovery options, research on the effects of retention and the benefits of particular interventions and supports, and consideration of the pupil's academic data and any other information relevant to whether retention is in the pupil's best interests, academically and socially.

A retention decision must be consistent with a pupil's individualized education program. Eligible students shall, regardless of the retention decision, be offered specific interventions and supports. If the decision is to not retain the pupil, the pupil shall be offered access to prior semester courses in which the pupil received a D or F letter grade in the 2020-21 academic year, some other form of credit recovery, or other supports as specified.

The District will notify the requesting parent of its retentions decision within 10 calendar days of the consultation.

**Education Code Sections:**

48071: Retention of pupils at 2020-21 grade level for the 2021-22 academic year; parent consultation; notification of final determination; interventions and supports

49066.5: Application to change letter grade from 2020-21 school year course to Pass or No Pass grade; acceptance of transcript by postsecondary educational institutions; notice of grade change option

51225: Third- or fourth-year high school pupils who are not on track to graduate; exemption from additional coursework and other requirements; additional opportunities to complete required coursework.