



Request to Repeat a Grade
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[Nebraska Revised Statute 79-2.161](#) establishes a procedure whereby a parent or guardian can request their child to repeat a grade for the following reasons:

- a) Academic needs (*Student in grades Kindergarten thru fourth*) – Academic needs means that a child is at least one year below grade level and behind the child's typically developing peers in reading, English, and language arts such that the child does not possess the necessary academic skills required to succeed in reading, English, and language arts at grade level for the next grade the student would otherwise advance to
- b) Excessive Absenteeism (*Student in grades K-12*) – Excessive absenteeism means that the child was absent fifty percent or more of the school year and includes excused absences, unexcused absences, and absences due to suspension or expulsion. Absences due to approved school-related activities, such as field trips, competitions, athletic events, and testing, are not included; and
- c) Illness (*Student in grades Kindergarten thru fourth*) - Illness means that the child experienced a severe mental or physical illness resulting in hospitalization of two or more weeks during the school year.

A parent or guardian intending to have their child repeat a grade shall request a meeting with school district superintendent or their designee to discuss the decision. The meeting should identify any alternative educational opportunities. If after meeting with the superintendent or their designee, the parent still wishes to retain their child, they must complete this form.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Name of Child: _____

Grade Level to be Repeated: _____

Current School District: _____

Date of Meeting with District: _____

Reason and Description for Requesting Repeating of Grade:

Academic Needs (K-4)

Excessive Absenteeism (K-12)

Illness (K-4)

Summary of Meeting with Superintendent or their Designee:

Please submit this form to the superintendent or their designee with whom you met initially about the request for retention. Upon completion of the form, and if all requirements are met, the school district shall honor the request to repeat a grade for the next school year.

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

To be completed by district:

School of Attendance Name: _____

School of Attendance Code: _____

Student State ID (To be Provided by District): _____

Signature of Superintendent/Designee Date

Districts, please retain a copy of this form, and email nde.form@nebraska.gov for instructions on how to securely submit this form.