

**COMMON POLICY FOR FRANKLIN CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION**  
**ST. ALBANS TOWN EDUCATIONAL CENTER,**  
**ST. ALBANS CITY SCHOOL, FAIRFIELD CENTER SCHOOL,**  
**BELLOWS FREE ACADEMY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #48,**  
**AND NORTHWEST TECHNICAL CENTER**

**CODE: G9**  
**(MANDATORY)<sup>1</sup>**

**GRADE ADVANCEMENT:**  
**RETENTION, PROMOTION, AND ACCELERATION OF STUDENTS**

**Policy**

A goal of the Franklin Central Supervisory Union and its member school districts is for each student to progress in his or her educational program by reaching and demonstrating specified outcomes necessary to progress from grade to grade.

The Principal/Director/Designee will utilize the supporting procedures to implement this policy. The Superintendent/Designee will periodically review the procedures.

**Definitions**

1. ***Retention*** allows a student to repeat all or part of a grade in order to more fully prepare for the work of the next grade.
2. ***Promotion*** is the single-grade step most students take from year to year.
3. ***Acceleration*** is the advancement of a student by more than one grade beyond the current grade level.

Promotion, retention, and acceleration decisions will be based on the extent to which a student is meeting the outcomes established by the Vermont Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities, as well as other relevant factors, including: social, emotional, physical, and mental growth; past academic performance; behavior; motivation; and attendance.

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|                          | Town     | City     | BFA      | Fairfield | FCSU       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: | 11/10/10 | 11/10/10 | 11/10/10 | 11/15/10  | 09/21/2011 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: |          |          |          |           |            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading: |          |          |          |           |            |
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<sup>(1)</sup> SBE Rule 2120.2.2.(d). "Each school shall develop and adopt policies on grade advancement"