



## AP 339 – Student Grade Placement

### Purpose

Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools is committed to the Ministry of Education principles of learning:

- Learning requires the active participation of the student.
- People learn in a variety of ways and at different rates.
- Learning is both an individual and a group process.

These principles require that provision be made in each classroom for the wide range of student learning.

### Procedure

#### 1. Placement

##### *Kindergarten to Grade 10*

Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools expects that the grade placement for all students in the Kindergarten to Grade 10 years will be with age and grade peers.

##### *Grades 11 – 12*

In order to graduate, a student must meet the current Ministry requirements. Students who have the potential to graduate in the current school year will be placed in Grade 12.

#### 2. Program

- A student program is an educational plan based on sets of learning outcomes that reflect realistic expectations of what the student should know and be able to do.
- The purpose of a program is to meet the needs of the learner.
- Programs will be designed in a variety of ways to meet individual needs of the student.
- A student's program/course is not necessarily determined by his/her grade level placement.

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Student placement in grade level classrooms shall be a collaborative process among the team of professionals at the school level supported by District office consultation as appropriate. Generally, acceleration and deceleration are not encouraged. Student placement in a grade level other than the age appropriate grade level shall require the written agreement of the parent/guardian, the teacher and the principal, with

1. the agreement of a team of professionals at the school level supported by Division office consultation;
2. the agreement of the appropriate Assistant Superintendent;
3. documentation of prior attempts to provide sufficient remediation, adaptation or enrichment to maintain the student at their appropriate age level; and
4. written goals.

In accordance with the *School Act*, the principal is responsible for the placement and programming of students in the school.

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Reference: *The School Act*

*Administrative Procedures Manual – Student Grade Placement Guide*