

## **Method Schools Board Policy 5120**

### **Requests for Grade Retention**

Under AB 104 for the 2021-22 academic year, Method Schools will follow the following procedures in response to parent/guardian requests for the retention of **eligible students**:

- **Within 30 calendar days** of receiving a written retention consultation request from a parent, a consultation will take place with the parent, the student, 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 student's academic data and any other information relevant to whether retention is in the student's best interests, academically and socially.
- **Within 10 calendar days** of the consultation, Method will notify the requesting parent of its retention decision. Regardless of the retention decision, a charter school must offer student-specific interventions and supports. A pupil who is not retained shall be offered access to prior semester courses in which the student received a D or F letter grade in the 2020–21 academic year, some other form of credit recovery, or other supports

An “eligible student” is a student who received deficient grades for at least one-half of the student's coursework in the 2020–21 academic year. A deficient grade is a D, F, a No Pass, or an equivalent as determined by Method Schools. A student enrolled in grade 12 during the 2020–21 academic year is not eligible for retention under AB 104.

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