

## Should Underachieving Students Repeat the Grade?

If this question was asked to me, I would surely say, yes, underachieving student should repeat the grade. Approximately, 72 percent of the people voted yes and 28 percent of the people voted no. I personally would choose yes, because students need to learn what is supposed to be covered in the particular school year. If students are just passed to the next grade but haven't learnt what was necessary in the previous year, they wouldn't be able to catch up with the next year, and the same problem will repeat over and over again. So, promoting students to the next grade level without them passing the previous one will cause them more problems instead of solving it. Schools should think over and make the right decision when they decide to allow students to go to next grade levels without even passing. Many parents have a problem with this, but if the school doesn't change the rules, it will be of no use. The students would graduate without the full knowledge that is needed for their university and the future. Passing students even though they fail will just be easy for the teachers to do, but the students are the ones that soon give up because they can't take the workload of the next grade level.

Thinking from the teacher's perspective we can say that they need to know that when they teach a certain topic in the previous grade, the students will use the same basic rules or concepts and apply it in the next grade. If students don't know the basic of the topic, they will not be able to understand them or the following concepts, since they won't be able to apply the basic concepts. Next we shall see from the students' perspective, although they do want to learn and fully understand certain topics, the teachers still pass them to next grade level. This causes the students to not understand any of the topics being taught and will make them never want to learn. The students try hard to understand and learn whatever is being taught, but the teachers just pass them to next grade, without even knowing if the students have learnt anything or not. So, if I were the teachers, I would surely want to teach the students the topics that they need to learn in order for them to go to the next grade level. No matter if the students try or not, if they are serious about their studies or not, I would want them to learn the necessary things for the particular grade. It is the duty of the teachers to make sure that the student has learnt everything needed to learn, but if they just over-look the fact that they don't understand a topic or fail subjects, the students will graduate from school, not knowing any of their basics. It is really important for the teachers to understand that it is not only a short period of time that the basics will be needed; they will be needed even after they

graduate from school. In some cases, the teachers aren't the ones to blame, in many places, the schools don't give permission to teachers to fail a student or make them repeat the grade. In such case, the schools should always look at the good points at making students repeat grades. They should understand that students, in fact, don't learn more, they actually don't learn anything at all if they are passed to next grades. I will always support the fact that students should repeat their grade if they fail.

In conclusion, I would like to say that there might be points that are valid for under-achieving students to not repeat their grade but then I will always say that they should, since they will have no knowledge about the basic studies they get in whichever grade level they are in. The practice of allowing students to pass to next grades, will just boost up their confidence that they are always promoted to next grade even though they don't even try hard to get to that position. It will not give them any knowledge necessary for them; this will only give them more and more confidence to not do any work or studying. If teachers or the school ever thinks over this topic, they should always look at both sides and choose which side has the most valid reasons to why under-achieving students should repeat their grade. Although my opinion will always be yes, under-achieving students should repeat their grade, since I think that the reasons stated above are very valid and should be strong enough to convince people to believe me when I say 'yes'.

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