



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session passed [Senate Bill \(SB\) 1697](#), which amends state law to allow parents and guardians to elect for a student to repeat a grade or retake a high school course, per Texas Education Code (TEC) §28.02124 for the 2021-2022 school year.

**For the 2021-2022 school year only, parents or guardians have the right to opt for their child to**

1. repeat prekindergarten;
2. enroll in prekindergarten if the child was eligible to enroll in prekindergarten in the previous school year, and has not yet enrolled in kindergarten;
3. repeat kindergarten;
4. enroll in kindergarten if the child would have enrolled in kindergarten in the previous school year and has not yet enrolled in first grade\*; and
5. for grades one through three, repeat the grade the student was enrolled in the previous school year.
6. for grades four through eight, repeat the grade the student was enrolled in during the 2020-2021 school year; and
7. for courses taken for high school credit, repeat any course in which the student was enrolled during the 2020-2021 school year.

Information for parents and guardians related to these options is available in the links below:

- <https://tea.texas.gov/repeatgrade>
- <https://tea.texas.gov/restartkinder>

Additional information can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions document linked below:

- <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/sb-1697-faq.pdf>

Any Texas parent or guardian who believes his or her child would benefit from repeating a course or grade now has the right to make this decision, but must act quickly. If parents or guardians decide that it is best for their child to repeat a grade or course, **they must inform their school in writing before the start of the upcoming school year. The first day of instruction at Gregory-Portland ISD is Aug 12, 2021, written requests must be received before this date,**

For students in grade 4 and above this option exists only for the 2021-22 school year, but for Pre-K through grade 3 the option is permanent.

If you are considering the Parental Option for Student Retention and would like to discuss this with your child's principal, please click on this [link](#). After you submit this form, an administrator from your child's campus will be in touch with you.

Thank you,

Gregory-Portland ISD Administration